

RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY AND COMMUNITY ORIENTED ZERO WASTE PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF POMONA'S ZERO WASTE INITIATIVES

WHEREAS, “Zero Waste” is a process and a philosophy that involves a redesign of products and consumption, so that all material goods can be reused or recycled—or not needed at all.

WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, also known as AB939, mandates a reduction of waste disposal away from landfills, the goal of then 25% by 1995 and 50% by 2000 (using a base year of 1990);

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona is a member of the Los Angeles Regional Agency (LARA), which is a consortium of 18 member cities in Los Angeles County who set environment goals for the future. LARA members working together with CalRecycle to ensure the City meets and exceeds the waste diversion mandates set by the State;

WHEREAS, to date the City of Pomona has put programs in place to meet the State mandated reduction levels annually, in 2016 a 5.14 PPD was met and in 2017 a 4.3 PPD, the 50% reduction equates to 7.1 pounds per person per day (PPD), a requirement of AB939;

WHEREAS, the State Assembly Bill 341, a new approach in 2011 to the management of solid waste, was developed to regulate and encourage commercial recycling;

WHEREAS, City Council adopted an Ordinance 4153 to establish Mandatory Commercial Recycling pursuant to AB341, and businesses and multi-family residential dwelling (five units or more) were required to be evaluated for and offered recycling program;

WHEREAS, the State Assembly Bill 1383 Short Lived Climate Pollutants, established targets to reduce the landfill disposal of organic waste as follows; (1) 50% statewide reduction from 2014 levels by 2020, (2) 75% statewide reduction from 2014 levels by 2025;

WHEREAS, the State Assembly Bill 1826 Mandatory Commercial Organic Recycling Act of 2015 was implemented and in response, Non-Exclusive Franchise Haulers have implemented and require business and multi-family residents who generate 4 cubic yards or more of organic waste to arrange for recycling services;

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona has provided residents with composting bins and continues to provide compost to residents, four times a year, in support of Zero Waste;

WHEREAS, residents, Community Partners, and City of Pomona, are advocating for environmental and social improvements for waste management as evidenced by the work of groups such as the Waste and Recycling Task Force (Task Force);

WHEREAS, along with Community Partners, the City of Pomona is focused on lowering the levels of environmental contamination for the health, safety, and well-being of the community and the residents through initiatives such as the purchase of 32 Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles, requirement for CNG trucks for all franchised Solid Waste haulers, retrofit of the majority of City-owned streetlights to energy-efficient fixtures, etc.,;

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona has and will continue grant-funded recycling efforts related to Used Oil, Tire Recycling, and Composting;

WHEREAS, reducing disposal in landfills reduces emissions such as those required to transport the materials as well as fugitive landfill emissions caused by discarded organic matter including food scraps, grass clippings, cardboard, and carpet;

WHEREAS, Zero Waste principles strive to avoid excess production, reduce volume of waste, and promote conservation and recovery of resources by not burning or burying them.

WHEREAS, through education, engagement of local business and non-profit leaders, leadership from citizens and local government, the City of Pomona community can lead the region in moving towards Zero Waste;

WHEREAS, increasing reuse, recycling, and composting can create new entrepreneurial and employment opportunities in the region;

WHEREAS, our residents and businesses can provide support for Zero Waste goals by purchasing less and purchasing green to reduce the use of virgin natural resources for new products and the emissions in transporting the products to market;

WHEREAS, Pomona is continuing to take steps towards zero waste by piloting organics programs;

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona will work to identify funding for the formation of a future working group to create a Zero Waste plan for the City of Pomona;

WHEREAS, the City of Pomona will continue to strive for transformational change through a Zero Waste vision integrating Pomona's past, present, and future approaches to waste management for the betterment of the health, safety, and well-being of the community and the residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Pomona, as follows:

SECTION 1. The City of Pomona hereby adopts the concept of Zero Waste as defined by CalRecycle as a process and a philosophy that involves a redesign of products and reduction in consumption levels, so that all material goods can be reused or recycled—or not needed at all.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby recognizes waste management as an area of serious concern with regards to environmental sustainability and community well-being and will address issues related to waste management with the health and well-being of both community and the environment in mind.

SECTION 3. The City Council hereby directs Staff to continue Zero Waste initiatives for the City of Pomona including creating a more robust outreach program and Zero Waste Speakers Bureau to increase understanding of Zero Waste principles Citywide.

SECTION 4. The City Council hereby directs Staff to develop best practices to be made available as part of the City's special event permit process.

SECTION 5. The City Council directs Staff to continue review of City business processes and implement changes that reduce environmental impacts.

SECTION 6. The City Council hereby directs Staff to move towards Zero Waste with the continued implementation of California state mandates including the recycling goal of 75% by 2020 and recovery of eatable food by 20% by 2025.

SECTION 7. The City Council hereby directs Staff to incorporate necessary changes in future Solid Waste Franchise Agreements to further Zero Waste initiatives;

SECTION 8. The City of Pomona commits to a position which actively supports waste management businesses in achieving and complying with basic community health, safety, and well-being regulations and to appropriately suspend or revoke conditional use permits or other discretionary permits.

SECTION 9. The City of Pomona recognizes the importance of awareness in responsible action and will make itself knowledgeable about the processes and end point of any waste management services. The City will establish protocols for moving contracted waste management into compliance with community and ecological standards established in the Zero Waste Plan. In this way, the City will prevent our participation in the inadvertent dumping of waste onto other communities.

SECTION 10. The City Council hereby directs Staff to continue to implement Residential Organics Recycling Pilot Programs to increase the organic material that can be recycled. Evaluation and reporting on pilot programs includes criteria such as cost, diversion rates, emission rates, as well as community impacts and co-benefits and environmental impacts and co-benefits.

SECTION 11. The City Council hereby directs Staff to seek funding for the development of an environmentally and community-oriented Zero Waste Plan for Pomona. This plan will include a baseline study of the City of Pomona's current rate of disposal; identify objectives; and recommend short and long term actions to reach the designed Zero Waste goals. The Zero Waste Plan will, within budget constraints, seek to effectively, efficiently, and quickly address the issues identified, as well as allow for a public process to address recommended actions.

SECTION 12. The City Council hereby directs Staff to provide annual updates on the progress of Zero Waste initiatives.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 28th OF JANUARY 2019.

ATTEST:

CITY OF POMONA:

Rosalia Butler, City Clerk

Tim Sandoval, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Christi Hogin, Interim City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
CITY OF POMONA

I, ROSALIA BUTLER, CITY CLERK of the City of Pomona do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted at a Regular Meeting of the City Council of the City of Pomona held on the 28th day of JANUARY 2019, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Pomona, California, this 28th day of JANUARY 2019.

Rosalia Butler, City Clerk

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