

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA
ADOPTING A GOAL OF ZERO WASTE BY 2040**

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2006, following their development at the United Nations World Environment Day, the City Council approved becoming a signatory of the Urban Environmental Accords, which includes a goal of achieving Zero Waste to landfills and incinerators by 2040; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2006, the City Council approved the Green City Action Plan, which is modeled off the goals of the Urban Environmental Accords and contains a waste reduction initiative of achieving Zero Waste to landfills and incinerators by 2040; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena has exceeded the 50% diversion mandate from the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) and has achieved a 73% diversion rate by reducing, reusing, recycling and composting waste instead of landfilling; and

WHEREAS, the City is facing decreasing local disposal capacity; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan and implementation of the initiatives described therein are anticipated to achieve a minimum 87% waste diversion rate by the year 2040; and

WHEREAS, adopting a goal of 87% waste diversion and pursuing Zero Waste principles is consistent with the City Council's goal to increase conservation and sustainability as stated in the Open Space and Conservation Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste principles, in accordance with the California Integrated Waste Management Board hierarchy, promote the highest and best use of materials to eliminate waste and pollution, emphasize a closed-loop system of production and consumption toward the goal of reducing waste generation and landfill disposal through the core principles of:

- Improving "downstream" reuse and recycling of end-of-life products and materials to ensure their highest and best use;
- Pursuing "upstream" re-design strategies to reduce the volume and toxicity of discarded products and materials and promote less wasteful lifestyles;
- Fostering and supporting the use of discarded products and materials to stimulate and drive local economic workforce development; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pasadena will assume a leadership role as a sustainable City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby adopts a goal of achieving Zero Waste by the year 2040.

Adopted at the _____ meeting of the City Council on the _____ day of _____, 2014, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

MARK JOMSKY, City Clerk

Approved as to form:



Brad L. Fuller
Assistant City Attorney