

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

July 20, 1999

THROUGH: Legislative Committee

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Support of Senate Bill 676 (Sher) – State Agency Purchasing of Paper Products Made of Recycled Content Paper

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution supporting Senate Bill 676, (Sher) – *State Agency Purchasing of Paper Products Made of Recycled Content Paper*, and authorize the Mayor to send a letter to the appropriate officials stating Pasadena's position.

BACKGROUND

Senate Bill 676, if enacted, would require that half of the paper products to be purchased by any State agency be made of recycled content paper. Currently, pursuant to State law, this requirement is only a goal.

Without sustained demand for recycled products, the City's efforts to achieve Assembly Bill 939's (AB 939) 50 percent waste reduction mandate may fail and the City will face potential fines of up to \$10,000 per day. If there is a lack of demand for recycled products these materials will end up in a landfill, which is contrary to the goal of AB 939. The State is in a unique position to significantly increase the "demand" for recycled paper products since it is the largest purchaser of paper products in California.

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (which includes appointees of the Cities of Los Angeles County, the County Board of Supervisors, solid waste industries, environmental groups, and the private sector) supports SB 676.

Bill Status

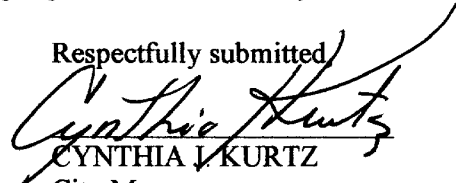
On May 24, 1999 SB 676 passed the Senate (ayes 27, noes 10) and on June 29, 1999 it passed the Assembly's Consumer Protection, Government Efficiency and Economic

Development Committee (ayes 7, noes 0), where it was then re-referred to the Assembly's Committee on Natural Resources. Passage of SB 676 plays a significant role in boosting the paper recycling market; therefore, it is critical that local agencies continue to support this bill through the legislative process.

FISCAL IMPACT

Passage of SB 676, would help the City to avoid a potential \$10,000 per day fine for non-compliance with AB 939, by boosting the market for paper products made of recycled content paper and keeping paper out of landfills.

Respectfully submitted,


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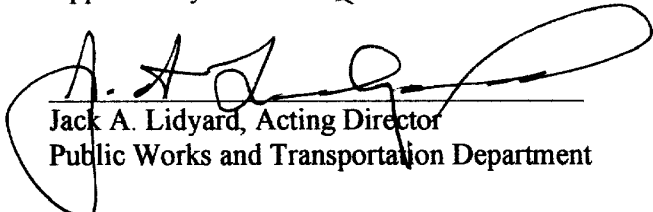
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