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NOTICE OF COMPLETION AND AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND PUBLIC MEETINGS

- TO:** California State Clearinghouse; Governor's Office of Planning and Research; California Responsible and Trustee Agencies; Los Angeles County Clerk; Other Interested Public Agencies; and Interested Parties and Organizations
- SUBJECT:** Notice of Completion and Availability of a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report and Notice of Public Meetings
- PROJECT:** Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program (SCH #2023050007)
- LEAD AGENCY:** City of Los Angeles - Bureau of Sanitation
- REVIEW PERIOD:** March 12, 2024 through April 26, 2024

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the State CEQA Guidelines Section 15087(d), the City of Los Angeles (City), as the Lead Agency, through its Bureau of Sanitation (LA Sanitation and Environment, LASAN), has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) for the proposed Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program (proposed Program), which is further described below. The Draft PEIR has been prepared to analyze and disclose the potential environmental effects of the proposed Program, identify ways to reduce significant environmental effects, and identify feasible alternatives to avoid or minimize significant environmental effects. In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15087, the City has prepared this Notice of Completion and Availability (NOA) to notify responsible and trustee agencies, interested parties, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, and the Los Angeles County Clerk of the availability of the Draft PEIR for public review.

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PROJECT LOCATION: As shown in Figure 1 below, the proposed Program would occur throughout the entirety of the City of Los Angeles.

THE PROPOSED PROGRAM: The City seeks to implement a citywide Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program, which would involve adopting measures to reduce or eliminate the production and use of single-use plastic products (“upstream” measures) and encourage reuse of other items to the extent feasible, thereby reducing or eliminating the input of single-use plastics into the City’s waste stream and the environment and reducing the aesthetic, environmental, and human health impacts of single-use plastics. The proposed upstream measures may include bans on specific single-use products; product stewardship programs (e.g., certain packaging and/or foodware items); extended producer responsibility programs (e.g., take-back programs for certain textiles); policies to require and/or support the manufacturing of durable, reusable, repairable, and recyclable products (e.g., requirements for recycled content in certain products); and evaluating Program efficacy and conducting additional studies (e.g., additional take-back programs and/or pilot programs).

The City anticipates that a decrease in single-use plastics could result in an increase in the use of reusable, compostable, and recyclable materials in the City. Therefore, the proposed Program would include elements to increase the City’s ability to manage these materials, such as by collecting, reusing, recycling, and composting alternative materials and supporting reusable products (“downstream” measures). These downstream measures may include the construction or expansion of recycling and composting facilities; regional market development to expand the City’s ability to recycle and reuse currently unmarketable single-use items; and infrastructure to support the use of reusable items. The proposed Program would also include public education, outreach, and engagement as well as enforcement.

SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS: The Draft PEIR identified potentially significant impacts of proposed downstream measures that could be reduced to a less than significant level with adoption of proposed mitigation measures for Aesthetics, Agriculture and Forestry, Air Quality, Geology and Soils, Hydrology and Water Quality, and Utilities and Service Systems. The Draft PEIR identified potentially significant and unavoidable impacts of the proposed downstream measures to Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Noise, Transportation, Tribal Cultural Resources, and Wildfire. No potentially significant and unavoidable impacts were identified for the proposed upstream measures.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY: The Draft PEIR and this NOA can be viewed at the City’s LASAN website at: www.lacitysan.org/ceqa. A hard copy of the Draft PEIR is available for public review at the front desk of the City of Los Angeles, Public Works Building, 1149 S. Broadway Los Angeles, CA 90015, during business hours Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Hard copies of the Draft PEIR are also available at the following Los Angeles Public library branches:

Library Name	Library Address
Echo Park Branch Library	1410 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90026
Valley Plaza Branch Library	12311 Vanowen Street North Hollywood, CA 91605
Canoga Park Branch Library	20939 Sherman Way Canoga Park, CA 91303
Will & Ariel Durant Branch Library	7140 W. Sunset Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90046
Palms - Rancho Park Branch Library	2920 Overland Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90064
Panorama City Branch Library	14345 Roscoe Boulevard Panorama City, CA 91402
Lake View Terrace Branch Library	12002 Osborne Street Lake View Terrace, CA 91342
Hyde Park Miriam Matthews Branch Library	2205 W. Florence Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90043
Junipero Serra Branch Library	4607 S. Main Street Los Angeles, CA 90037
Washington Irving Branch Library	4117 W. Washington Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90018
West Los Angeles Regional Branch Library	11360 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90025
Porter Ranch Branch Library	11371 Tampa Avenue Porter Ranch, CA 91326
Cahuenga Branch Library	4591 Santa Monica Boulevard Los Angeles, CA 90029
Arroyo Seco Regional Branch Library	6145 N. Figueroa Street Los Angeles, CA 90042
Harbor City - Harbor Gateway Branch Library	24000 S. Western Harbor City, CA 90710

SUBMITTAL OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: The City will consider all written comments regarding the potential environmental effects of the proposed Program received during the 45-day Draft PEIR public review period. All written comments received will be reviewed and considered by the City’s decision-making body and will become a part of the public record for the Final PEIR. The City requests that written or typed comments be provided at the earliest possible date, but no later than 5:00 p.m. on April 26, 2024. Comments may be submitted via the following:

E-mail to: san_sourcereduction@lacity.org

Or Mail to: LASAN – Solid Resources Citywide Recycling Division
Attention: Christine Batikian
1149 S. Broadway
5th Floor, Mail Stop 944
Los Angeles, CA 90015

Or Submit online: forms.gle/4qwhchkSDLebxhKH9

Please include the following information in your response:

- For all respondents, please provide name, contact information, and business or organization affiliation (if any).
- For agency respondents, please provide the name of the responsible individual with contact information (mailing address, e-mail, and telephone number).
- Comments provided by email should include “Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Draft PEIR” in the subject line and the name, business or organization affiliation (if any), and physical address of the commenter in the body of the email.

PLEASE NOTE: The City’s practice is to make the entirety of comments received a part of the public record. Therefore, names, home addresses, home phone numbers, and email addresses of commenters, if included in the response, will be made part of the record available for public review. Individual commenters may request that the City withhold their name and/or home addresses, etc., but if you wish the City to consider withholding this information you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. In the absence of this written request, this information will be made part of the record for public review. The City will always make submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives of, or officials of, organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS: The City will conduct three (3) virtual meetings to provide an overview of the proposed Program and environmental analysis to assist in developing comments on the Draft PEIR. No decisions on the proposed Program will be made at these virtual meetings. The virtual meetings are scheduled as follows:

Thursday March 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

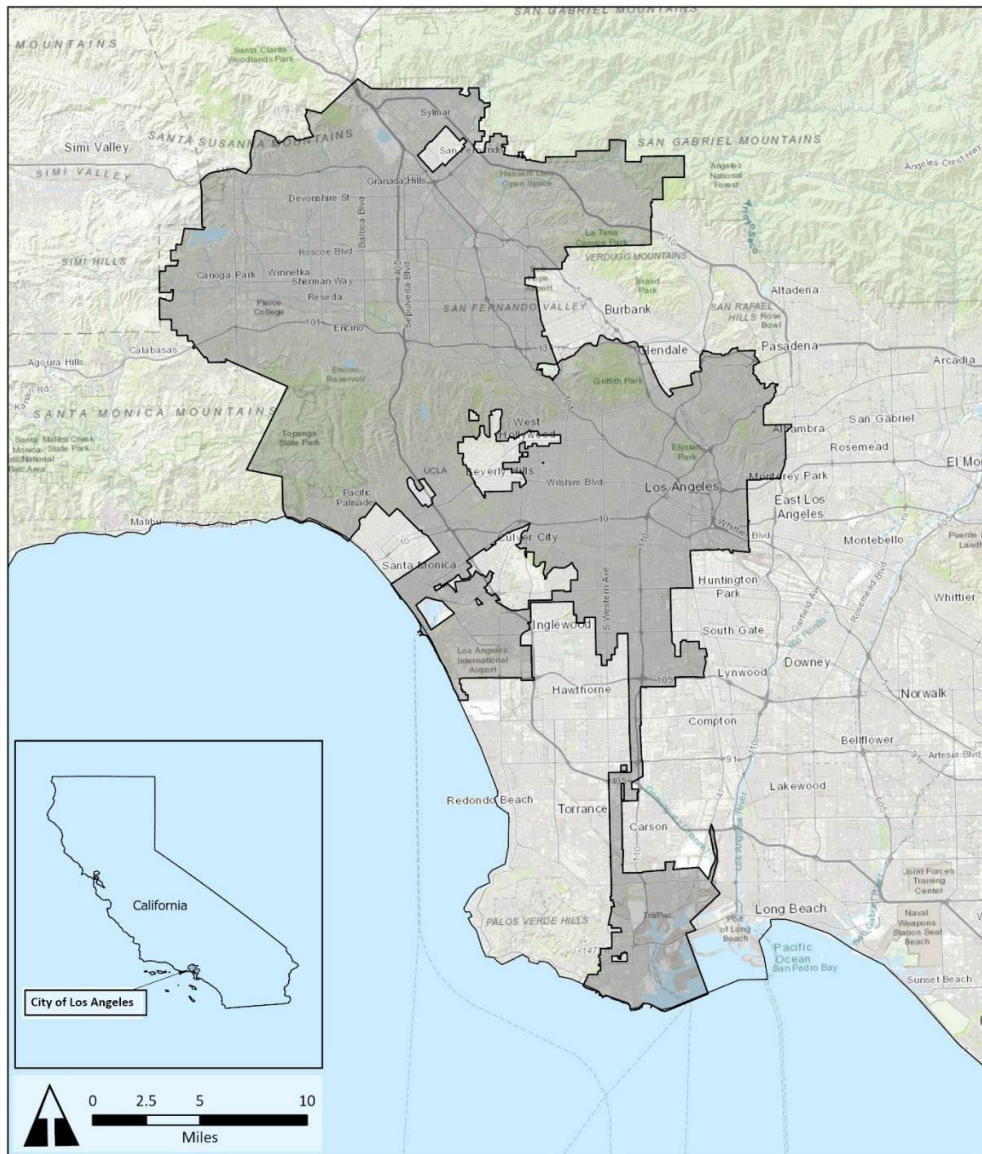
Thursday April 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday April 6, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

Registration Link: laplasticsceqa.eventbrite.com/

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Figure No. 1