

RESOLUTION NO. 46-11

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA
ENCOURAGING THE WEST CONTRA COSTA INTEGRATED WASTE
MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (WCCIWMA)/RECYCLEMORE TO COMPLETE A
SINGLE-USE BAG ORDINANCE INITIAL STUDY AND TO FUND THE
DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

WHEREAS, the Save the Plastic Bag Coalition has challenged the adoption of single-use bag ordinances in several cities that have not completed EIRs; and

WHEREAS, the completion of an EIR is a costly option for the City of Richmond and RecycleMore Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost to the City of Richmond for developing a stand-alone single-use bag ordinance is \$57,940 including consultant fees and Planning Department review and processing fees; and

WHEREAS, RecycleMore is considering creating a regional ordinance for Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a coordinated effort leveraging the partnership of cities under the Joint Powers Agreement to develop a cohesive regional single-use bag ordinance and EIR will be most beneficial to Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, a regional ordinance to limit the use of single-use bags has the most environmental benefit; and

WHEREAS, a regional ordinance and EIR developed with funding from RecycleMore will be the least costly option for the City of Richmond and Member Agencies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed cost to the City of Richmond if RecycleMore develops a regional EIR is approximately \$9,400; and

WHEREAS, a regional ordinance is more likely to gain support from industry than a Citywide ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Richmond fully supports RecycleMore in its completion of a single-use bag ordinance initial study and funding of development of a regional EIR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Richmond encourages the City's representatives on the RecycleMore Board to take all steps necessary for the WCCIWMA to complete a single-use bag ordinance initial study and to fund the development of a regional EIR.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Richmond directs RecycleMore to develop a model regional ordinance and implementation plan based on the City of Richmond's proposed ordinance and obtain approval from Member Agencies within the next sixty (60) days.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if RecycleMore does not complete the above request to the satisfaction of City Council and City staff by the end of the next sixty (60) days, the City of Richmond will move forward with a Citywide single-use bag ordinance and direct RecycleMore to fund the City of Richmond's EIR.

I certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond, California, at a regular meeting thereof held June 7, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmember Beckles, Booze, Ritterman, Rogers, Vice Mayor Butt, and Mayor McLaughlin.

NOES: Councilmember Bates.

ABSTENTIONS: None.

ABSENT: None.

DIANE HOLMES
CLERK OF THE CITY OF RICHMOND

(SEAL)

Approved:

GAYLE MCLAUGHLIN
Mayor

Approved as to form:

RANDY RIDDLE
City Attorney

State of California }
County of Contra Costa } : ss.
City of Richmond }

I certify that the foregoing is a true copy of **Resolution No. 46-11**, finally passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Richmond at a regular meeting held on June 7, 2011.