

**THE COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO**

**Council President Pro Tem Sherri Lightner, Chair  
Councilmember Kevin Faulconer, Vice Chair  
Councilmember Mark Kersey  
Councilmember David Alvarez  
Councilmember Marti Emerald**

**ACTIONS FOR  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2013, AT 9:00 A.M.**

**COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM (12TH FLOOR),  
CITY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
202 C STREET, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**

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NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON REGULATORY RELIEF SUGGESTIONS: None

COMMITTEE COMMENT: Chair Lightner commented on the status of the open data policy discussion, noting that the item has been tentatively scheduled to return back to R&ED Committee for discussion on October 23, 2013 or November 6, 2013.

Also, Chair Lightner commented regarding R&ED Committee's requested action related to the City's hiring and recruitment process on July 24, 2013. Chair Lightner noted that the IBA has received suggestions from nine departments and she requested input by the end of the week (9/13/2013) to allow sufficient time for the IBA to conduct their analysis.

CITY ATTORNEY, IBA, AND MAYORAL STAFF COMMENT: Nicole Capretz, Director of Environmental Policy in the Office of Interim Mayor Todd Gloria, introduced herself to the Committee.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Approval of the Record of Action Items for July 24, 2013 was approved by unanimous consent.

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ADOPTION AGENDA

ITEM-1:      Report from Environmental Services Department (ESD) Requesting  
COMMITTEE FEEDBACK ON CRAFTING A PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION  
ORDINANCE

ACTION: Motion by Councilmember Emerald, second by Councilmember  
Alvarez, to request the following:

- ESD staff work with the City Attorney's Office to craft an ordinance reducing plastic bag use. This ordinance is to include recommendations provided to the Committee by ESD staff. ESD staff recommendations, as outlined in the staff's presentation, include:
  - Stores subject to ordinance:
    - Retail stores with annual sales of \$2 million selling food and non-food goods, and a line of dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and some perishable items
    - Stores with at least 10,000 square feet of retail space with a pharmacy
    - Drug stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience food stores, foodmarts, or other entities selling a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, and snack foods
  - Mandate charge of \$0.10 per paper bag and at least \$0.10 per reusable bag provided
  - Exempt restaurants, non-profits, WIC and Supplemental Food Program recipients, produce/product bags
  - Stores shall keep records, no requirements regarding reporting, and enforcement to be complaint-based
  - Staff will include a focus on education/outreach and reusable bag distribution
- The Committee requested that staff explore including a provision that all retail stores with one-time use bags be subject to the ordinance, and suggested that a dollar amount threshold for reusable bags be considered
- ESD staff begin appropriate environmental review
- ESD staff present an informational item to the Community Planners Committee and the BID Council for feedback. Conduct additional community

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outreach to groups such as the Neighborhood Market Association, and other key stakeholders, to be coordinated with the assistance of the Mayor's Office

- ESD staff return to the Committee with recommendations for enforcement
- ESD staff return to the October 23, 2013 R&ED Committee meeting with a status report

VOTE: 5-0; Lightner-yea, Faulconer-yea, Kersey-yea, Alvarez-yea, Emerald-yea

Sherri S. Lightner  
Council President Pro Tem