



COUNCIL AGENDA: 06-19-12
ITEM: 2.59

Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Dennis Hawkins, CMC
City Clerk

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 06-14-12

SUBJECT: AB 1019 (PEREZ) SOLID WASTE: CARPET STEWARDSHIP

RECOMMENDATION

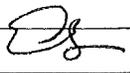
As recommended by the Rules and Open Government Committee on June 13, 2012 and outlined in the attached memo previously submitted to the Rules and Open Government Committee, adopt a support position for AB 1019 (Perez) Solid Waste: Carpet Stewardship.



Subject: **AB 1019 (PEREZ)**
SOLID WASTE: CARPET STEWARDSHIP

RULES COMMITTEE: 06-13-12
 ITEM: G.8

Recommend Position: Support

City Council Action Request			
Department: ESD	DATE: 06/07/12	Coordination: CMO/CAO/ Legis. Rep in Sacramento	CMO Approval: 
			Dept. Approval: /s/ Kerrie Romanow
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pursuant to the City's streamlined bill process for responding quickly to legislative proposals, approve support for AB 1019 (Perez). 2. Recommend a one-week turnaround to the City Council so that the City's legislative staff can advocate for the City's support for AB 1019. 			
BILL SYNOPSIS:			
<p>Proposition 26, approved by the voters by initiative on November 2, 2010, amends the California Constitution to provide that certain levies, charges, or exactions imposed by the state and adopted after January 1, 2010, but before November 3, 2010, is void 12 months after the November 3, 2010, effective date of Proposition 26 unless it is reenacted in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A of the California Constitution. AB 1019 reenacts the state law that enacted the Carpet Product Stewardship Program and provides that it will continue to be operative on and after November 3, 2011.</p>			
IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSÉ:			
<p>According to Inform, a nonprofit sustainability group, 4 billion pounds of carpet are discarded in the United States every year, of which only about 1 percent is recycled. Because of its bulk, carpet consumes enormous amounts of landfill space (two percent of solid waste by volume, according to the US Environmental Protection Agency). In addition, if carpet is incinerated, especially products with polyvinyl chloride (PVC) backing, it can release toxic chemicals, including dioxin, into the air.</p> <p>One of San Jose's strategies for achieving zero waste is to encourage the development of "extended producer responsibility" in which those who manufactured a product take responsibility for it at the end of its useful life. The Carpet Stewardship Program keeps carpet out of the solid waste stream by putting a five cent assessment per square yard on all carpet sold in California. Proceeds are used to recycle the carpet. This bill will ensure that California's Carpet Product Stewardship Program will stay in effect and therefore continue to increase the amount of postconsumer carpet diverted from landfills. This could enable San Jose's landfills to remain open for a longer duration if a significant amount of carpet is diverted. Additionally, if the rate of carpet recycling/repurposing increases, it could provide air quality improvements by avoiding incineration.</p>			

POLICY ALIGNMENT:

Included in the Council approved 2012 Legislative Guiding Principles and Priorities under "Promote Livability, Sustainable Development, and Environmental Protection," is language supporting pollution prevention practices, protection of local watersheds, procurement of environmentally preferable goods, and support for Source Reduction and increased recycling and composting in order to achieve Zero Waste. Principle 16 states, "Promote user-pays policies as they relate to costs associated with handling, recycling, and disposal of hazardous hand/or universal waste materials, or handling or clean up of litter."

This action would also align with the City's Green Vision and Zero Waste Goals as it would help divert material from landfills.

STATUS OF BILL:

May 24, 2012: the bill is on the floor of the Senate for its third reading.

SUPPORT AND OPPOSITION:

Support:

Bentley Prince Street, Inc.
Blue Ridge Commercial Carpet
California Retailers Association
Carpet and Rug Institute
City of San Francisco
County of San Francisco
Dixie Group, Inc.
Los Angeles Fiber
Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

Opposition:

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association

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