

RESOLUTION NO. 74077

**RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE
ADOPTING A GOAL OF 75% WASTE DIVERSION BY 2013 AND A
GOAL OF ZERO WASTE BY 2022 FOR THE CITY OF SAN JOSE**

WHEREAS, on November 1, 2005, following their development at the United Nations World Environment Day, the City Council approved becoming a signatory of the Urban Environmental Accords, which includes a Zero Waste goal; and

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2007, the Transportation and Environment Committee recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution establishing a goal of 75% waste diversion by 2013, and a goal of Zero Waste by 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City of San Jose has exceeded the 50% diversion mandate from the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939) and has achieved a 61% diversion rate by reducing, reusing, recycling and composting the maximum amount feasible before landfilling; and

WHEREAS, the City is facing decreasing local disposal capacity; and

WHEREAS, adopting a goal of 75% waste diversion and pursuing Zero Waste principles is consistent with, and in furtherance of “San Jose’s Green Vision”, released by Mayor Chuck Reed on October 5, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor’s Green Vision encourages finding options to create energy from clean renewable sources including the feasibility of biomass-to-energy and other energy technologies; and

WHEREAS, strategies to reach Zero Waste follow the guiding principle of the City's General Plan Major Strategy for a sustainable city, which strives to meet present needs without compromising the welfare of future generations; and

WHEREAS, Zero Waste principles, in accordance with the California Integrated Waste Management Board hierarchy, promote the highest and best use of materials to eliminate waste and pollution, emphasize a closed-loop system of production and consumption, and move in logical increments toward the goal of reducing waste generation and landfill disposal by more than 90% through the core principles of:

- Improving “downstream” reuse and recycling of end-of-life products and materials to ensure their highest and best use;
- Pursuing “upstream” re-design strategies to reduce the volume and toxicity of discarded products and materials and promote less wasteful lifestyles;
- Fostering and supporting the use of discarded products and materials to stimulate and drive local economic workforce development;
- Preserving land for sustainable development and Green Industry Infrastructure;

and

WHEREAS, the City of San José will assume a leadership role as an Urban Accords Global Sustainable City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE:

SECTION 1. The Council hereby adopts a goal of 75% waste diversion in the City of San José by the year 2013.

SECTION 2. The Council hereby adopts a goal of Zero Waste in the City of San José by the year 2022.

ADOPTED this 30th day of October, 2007, by the following vote:

AYES:	CAMPOS, CHIRCO, CHU, CONSTANT, CORTESE, LICCARDO, NGUYEN, OLIVERIO, PYLE, WILLIAMS; REED
NOES:	NONE
ABSENT:	NONE
DISQUALIFIED:	NONE

CHUCK REED
Mayor

ATTEST:

LEE PRICE, MMC
City Clerk

