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 landfiling; 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:

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• 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

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