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From: County of Los Angeles c/o Department of Public Works
 Environmental Programs Division
 900 South Fremont Avenue, 3rd Floor
 Alhambra, California 91803

Subject: Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report

The County of Los Angeles (County), through its Department of Public Works (LACDPW), has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Ordinances to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags in Los Angeles County (proposed ordinances). The Draft EIR is available for a 45-day public review and comment period starting June 2, 2010, and ending July 16, 2010. The Draft EIR will be available for review at LACDPW, Environmental Programs Division, 900 South Fremont Avenue, 3rd Floor, Alhambra, California 91803 and on the Internet at <http://www.bragaboutyourbag.com/>.

The proposed ordinances would entail adoption of an ordinance to ban the issuance of plastic carryout bags by certain stores in the unincorporated territories of the County and the adoption of comparable ordinances by the incorporated cities within the County. The proposed ordinances aim to significantly reduce the number of plastic carryout bags that are disposed of or that enter the litter stream by ensuring that certain retail establishments located in the County will not distribute or make available to customers any plastic carryout bags or compostable / biodegradable plastic carryout bags. The analysis undertaken for this EIR determined that indirect impacts related to air quality, biological resources, hydrology and water quality, and utilities and service systems that would be expected to arise from implementation of the proposed ordinances would be below the level of significance, but indirect impacts related to greenhouse gas emissions may have the potential to be cumulatively considerable.

Due to the time limits mandated by State law, responses must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 16, 2010. Please send letters of comment (including the name of the designated contact person for your agency or interested party) regarding the Draft EIR to:

County of Los Angeles c/o Department of Public Works
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Public Meetings: The LACDPW will facilitate six public meetings to ensure that residents in each of the County Supervisorial Districts are given an opportunity to provide comments on the Draft EIR. The purpose of these meetings will also be to review the various elements of the proposed ordinances and solicit comments in relation to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) analysis for these proposed ordinances. Please direct any questions regarding these meetings to Mr. Coby Skye at (626) 458-5163 or by e-mail at cskye@dpw.lacounty.gov.

District	Public Meeting Date	Location
1	June 15, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Yvonne B. Burke Community and Senior Center 4750 West 62nd Street (Baldwin Hills / Ladera Heights area), Los Angeles, CA 90056
2	June 16, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	East Los Angeles College 1700 Avenida Cesar Chavez, Monterey Park, CA 91754
3	June 22, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Jackie Robinson Park 8773 East Avenue R, Littlerock, CA 93543
4	June 24, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Garden 301 North Baldwin Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91007
5	June 29, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	Agoura Hills / Calabasas Community Center 27040 Malibu Hills Road, Calabasas, CA 91301
6	July 1, 2010 Time: 6:00 p.m.	City of Long Beach Employee Development Center 2929 East Willow Street, Long Beach, CA 90806

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Project Title: Ordinances to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags in Los Angeles County

Date: 4/1/10

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Reference: California Code of Regulations, Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines), Sections 15082(a), 15103, 15375.