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March 18, 2020

The Honorable Ben Allen  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 4076  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 54 (Allen) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.**

**Notice of SUPPORT** *(As Amended 9/10/19)*

Dear Senator Allen:

The City of Manhattan Beach is pleased to **Support** SB 54 (Allen), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. This bill directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations before January 1, 2024, that require producers, which includes the people who manufacture single-use packaging or priority single-use products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030.

SB 54 also requires CalRecycle, by January 1, 2023, and before the adoption of regulations, to finalize an implementation plan that will be comprised of extensive outreach with stakeholders, including local governments. This will give local governments a voice in the creation of the forthcoming regulations to address potential implementation challenges.

Additionally, the implementation plan includes developing incentives and policies to maximize and encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California. Developing these incentives will address the lack of recycling markets in California, as recyclable materials once shipped overseas are now piling up with nowhere to go.

The City of Manhattan Beach has been a leader in environmental efforts throughout its history. Our City Council and residents are committed to protecting the

environment and reducing waste as much as possible. As such, our community recycles over 40 tons of material per day. The current contract for trash hauling in the City is \$5.6 million. This bill would greatly reduce the amount of recycling services needed and the financial burden placed on our community for trash hauling services.

Cities, like ours, have dedicated significant time and resources to develop and implement their recycling programs and want to ensure city recycling programs continue to be successful. SB 54 will help local governments recycle more materials, throw less waste into landfills, and advance towards meeting statewide solid waste and recycling goals. The City of Manhattan Beach is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds your leadership on this issue.

For these reasons, the City of Manhattan Beach **Supports** SB 54.

Sincerely,

Richard Montgomery  
Mayor  
Manhattan Beach

cc: The Honorable Ben Allen  
Jeffrey Kiernan, Regional Public Affairs Manager  
League of California Cities