

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LOMITA,  
CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER  
RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)**

SECTION 1: The City Council finds and declares as follows:

- A. On February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective; and
- B. The Universal Waste Rule bans landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, as well as electronic devices such as video cassette recorders, microwave ovens, cellular phones, cordless phones, printers, and radios; and
- C. It is anticipated that the list of Universal and other waste products determined to be hazardous and therefore banned from landfills will continue to grow as demonstrated by the ban of treated wood effective January 2007 and sharps in September 2008; and
- D. State policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and
- E. Universal Waste management costs are currently paid by taxpayers and rate payers and are expected to increase substantially in the short term unless policy changes are made; and
- F. Local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and
- G. Costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and
- H. The City Council supports statewide efforts to have producers share in the responsibility for Universal Waste products and other product waste management costs; and
- I. There are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, pharmaceuticals, and other products; and
- J. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers assume financial responsibility for management of waste products and which has

been shown to be effective at increasing recovery and reducing costs of recovery systems; and

- K. When products are reused or recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price, there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less toxic; and
- L. EPR framework legislation establishes transparent and fair principles and procedures for applying EPR to categories of products for which improved design and management infrastructure is in the public interest; and
- M. The California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of California local governments and businesses working to speak with one voice in promoting transparent and fair EPR systems in California; and
- N. In January 2008 CalRecycle, adopted a Framework for an EPR System in California; and
- O. In July 2008 the National Association of Counties adopted a resolution in support of a framework approach to EPR, November 2009 the National League of Cities adopted EPR policy, and June 2010 the US Conference of Mayors adopted a resolution in support of EPR.

**SECTION 2:** **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the City Council of the City of Lomita hereby supports Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) and urges CalRecycle and the California Legislature to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System in California to manage problematic products.

**SECTION 3:** This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

**SECTION 4:** The City Clerk will certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; will enter the same in the book of original Resolutions of said City; and will make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the record of proceedings of the City Council of said City, in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lomita on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: *Sanchez, Savidan, Gazeley, Traina and Mayor Estrada*

NOES: Councilmembers:

ABSENT: Councilmembers:

  
MARGARET ESTRADA  
MAYOR

ATTEST:   
LENA SHUMWAY  
ASSISTANT CITY CLERK