



February 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 Monrovia 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.

Our city does its best to redirect recyclables from going to the landfills by installing solar powered, rubbish-compacting bins for recyclables and other waste. Additionally, trash collected in our city are processed at a materials recovery facility where items will either be hand sorted by staff or routed through an automated process to divert as much as we can away from landfills. With the passage of SB 54, we believe it will only further propel our efforts to reduce pollution from plastic packaging and products.

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 Monrovia is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds your leadership on this issue.

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

Sincerely,

Larry J. Spicer  
Mayor Pro Tem  
City of Monrovia

cc. The Honorable Anthony Portantino & The Honorable Chris Holden  
Jennifer Quan, Regional Public Affairs Manager  
Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, [cityletters@cacities.org](mailto:cityletters@cacities.org)



February 18, 2020

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.**  
**Notice of SUPPORT** *(As Amended 9/09/19)*

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The City of Monrovia is pleased to **Support** AB 1080 (Gonzalez), 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.

AB 1080 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.

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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. AB 1080 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 Monrovia is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds your leadership on this issue.

For these reasons, the City of Monrovia **Supports** AB 1080.

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