



CLEAN CITY, BETTER WORLD



PROPOSAL:

- ☆ Collect ALL current excess capacity fees ☆
- ☆ INCREASE the fees for additional trash and yard waste capacity ☆
- ☆ Keep it FREE for additional recycling capacity ☆

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The City of Los Angeles has approximately **2.2 million trash containers across the city** which the Bureau of Sanitation is responsible for collection.

When a customer requests additional capacity, the Bureau issues them **“Extra Capacity Units”** in 30 gallon increments increasing the size of their Black or Green containers. The Bureau has calculated that there are approximately 371,000 Extra Capacity Units issued across the City. These **Extra Capacity Units are issued to residents who go beyond the standard allotment of containers provided by the City.**

The Bureau currently collects a fee of \$ 2.50 per 30 gallon Extra Capacity Unit for Green and \$ 5.00 per 30 gallon Extra Capacity Unit for Black containers – however, **fees are not being collected on approximately 217,000 extra capacity units.**

Years ago the City implemented the “Extra Capacity Unit” to **deter customers from creating more waste and filling up our landfills and encouraging recycling.**

CLEAN CITY, BETTER WORLD proposes that we:

- **Begin collecting the currently uncollected fees** so all customers with extra capacity pay their fair share.
- **Double the existing fee for each 30 Gallon Unit of Extra Capacity** to \$ 5.00 for the Green Container and \$ 10.00 for the black container.

In order to continue to promote recycling the Bureau of Sanitation shall continue to **not charge a fee for Blue (Recyclable) Containers and Lifeline and Low-income customers will continue to be exempt.**

If the Bureau were to begin collecting fees on the outstanding current customers who have ordered Extra Capacity Units, **the City would have an additional \$ 11 million of revenue** and if the fees are doubled, and returned containers and start-up time is accounted for, **\$18.8 million could be raised in fiscal year 2008-2009.**

No General Fund Revenue would be affected with this additional fee.

WHAT WILL BE SAVED?

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No.	Description	Annual Cost
<i>Trash Related Items</i>		
1	Fund 600 additional curb miles of weekly Street Sweeping	\$7,500,000.00
2	Restore the Clean & Green Program Funding	\$300,000.00
3	Increase funding for "Clean Parks Across Los Angeles"	\$1,000,000
4	Augment Business District Sidewalk Cleaning Program Grant Program	\$1,000,000.00
5	Augment Litter and Graffiti enforcement Program with the Los Angeles Police Department	\$1,000,000.00
6	Install Speed Humps around Parks and Schools	\$1,000,000.00
7	Fund Green Business Certification Program (Green Biz LA)	\$500,000.00

CLEAN CITY, BETTER WORLD ALLOTMENTS (CONT'D)

Non-Trash Related Items

8	Increase City Reserve Fund	\$2,000,000.00
9	Restore 18 Fire Captains.	\$2,000,000.00
10	Restore funding for Library for the purchase of books and materials to the 07-08 Fiscal Year levels.	\$ 500,000.00
11	Funding for Homeless Shelters	\$1,000,000.00
12	Fund Northeast Animal Care Center	\$1,000,000.00
Total:		\$18,800,000.00



CLEAN CITY, BETTER WORLD PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The next pages include expanded descriptions of the programs that would be saved with the implementation of Green City, Better World

(1) Bureau of Street Services **Street Sweeping: \$7,500,000.00**

Augment Funding for 600 additional curb miles of weekly Street Sweeping.



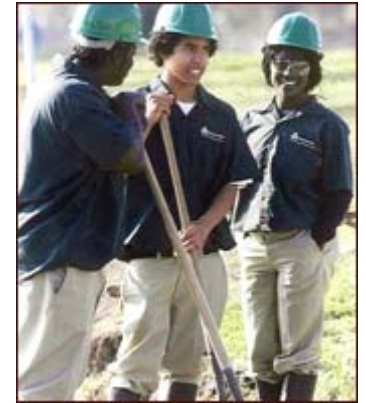
- **Street sweeping** is an effective method of removing both the large and microscopic pollutants that collect on City streets.
- **Street Sweeping** provides three primary benefits to the City:
 - **#1:** The obvious benefit is the collection and removal of paper, leaves, and other visible debris that collect in the gutters. This debris can block storm water facilities, causing localized flooding during heavy rains.
 - **#2:** Another, but less visible benefit is the removal of metal particles and other hazardous waste products left by passing vehicles. Although they are virtually invisible, these particles can be extremely harmful to fish and other wildlife if they reach our creeks, rivers, beaches and bays.
 - **#3:** Sweeping also serves to control and improve water quality by removing debris from the street before it goes into the storm drains, ending up in the ocean and impacting Los Angeles beaches, a major economic engine for the City.
- **Street sweeping** is a high priority for residents and business owners.
- Currently, the city sweeps approximately 8000 curb miles (combined weekly and monthly figure), which are not "posted" with parking

restrictions and parking is allowed on the street. The non-posted curb miles are divided into routes averaging around 31 miles each.

- **Approximate cost** for enhancing the service to a posted, weekly service is \$1.5 million for every 100 curb miles of street sweeping, including one-time start up funding for sign posting, equipment, etc..
- **CLA and the CAO will provide an implementation plan to the Council**, with assistance from the BoSS, DoT and other Departments, with the following considerations:
 - Additional street sweeping will be provided on meeting criteria that include augmenting street sweeping in council districts with the fewest curb miles of street sweeping and the concurrence of the Council Member. No Council District shall receive more than 100 additional curb miles.
 - Full implementation over two fiscal years, if needed, to allow prudent use of capital, equipment and staff
 - Impact on additional street sweeping on parking restriction enforcement, fines, and fine revenues on the City.

students and counsel them about how to stay on track in school and in their personal lives, too.

- Clean and Green staff members **teach the students about the importance of responsibility** and commitment to their jobs, their families and their community.
- Students also participate in environmental studies that explain the impact of the work they perform across the city.
- The **\$300,000.00 restoration** will provide the program the same funding as in the prior fiscal year.



(2) Clean & Green Program: \$300,000.00

Restore the Clean & Green Program appropriation



- **The Clean and Green Program**, which **gives thousands of teenagers every year their "first break,"** was originated by former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley and is operated by the Los Angeles Conservation Corps.
- **Clean and Green trains and pays students 13 to 17 years old to work on urban beautification projects** such as planting trees in local neighborhoods, building community gardens and painting murals on school campuses.
- By employing students, **the Clean and Green program** provides young people with the opportunity to earn a paycheck while serving the community. The focus is on more than earning money, though, as **staff members serve as mentors to**

(3) Department of Recreation & Parks Park Cleaning Program: \$1,000,000.00

Augment the Department of Recreation & Parks Park Cleaning Program. "Clean Parks Across Los Angeles".

- This augmentation will **provide additional resources to keep our City's parks clean and free of trash**, thus reducing the amount of trash and debris that enters our sewer system.
- **The Department will provide an implementation plan to the Council**, with assistance from the CLA and the CAO and other Departments, with the following considerations:
 - Funding shall be provided on **the basis of needs assessment**
 - No Council District shall receive more than \$200,000.00, unless approved by Council
 - Full implementation over two fiscal years, if needed, to allow prudent use of capital, equipment and staff



(4) Business District Sidewalk Cleaning Program: \$1,000,000.00

Augment the Bureau of Public Works Business District Sidewalk Cleaning Grant Program

- This funding will **allow for a concentrated effort to focus on the City's main business corridors.**
- The **Bureau shall submit an implementation plan**, with assistance from the CLA and the CAO, to the Council with the following considerations:
 - An existing city or grant program should be the preferred recipient of the funds.
 - The program can work with local non-profits to hire local residents to maintain our business corridors free of trash and debris, thus keeping them out of our sewer system.
 - Funding shall be provided on the basis of needs assessment.
 - No Council District shall receive more than \$100,000.00, unless approved by Council.
 - Full implementation over two fiscal years, if needed, to allow prudent use of capital, equipment and staff.

(5) Los Angeles Police Department Anti-Graffiti & Litter: \$1,000,000.00

Augment the LAPD budget to develop an Anti-Litter/Graffiti Enforcement Program

- Would allow for greater enforcement of graffiti, litter and illegal dumping



(6) Bureau of Street Services Speed humps: \$1,000,000.00

Augment Funding for approximately 800 additional speed humps for child safety.



- Traffic in areas around schools, parks, libraries and other places that attract children create great risk to the children.
- Over the years, the city has progressively added stop signs, speed humps and posted signs to alert drivers and children to the risks caused by motor vehicles, specially when driven at speed through areas used by children.
- Speed humps are a significant deterrent for speeding vehicles
- The Bureau of Street Services reports (2008-09 Budget Memo - Question No. 91 and 127, May 5, 2008) that it can construct approximately 800 speed humps for an additional \$1.2 million.
- The Bureau will provide an implementation plan to the Council, with assistance from the DoT, CLA and the CAO and other Departments, with the following considerations:
 - Funding shall be provided on the basis of needs assessment
 - No Council District shall receive more than \$100,000.00, unless approved by Council
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(7) Environmental Affairs Department, Green Business Certification Program: \$500,000.00

Fund the Green Business Certification Program, Pursuant to CF 07-0790 (Alarcón-Rosendahl)

- This allocation would fund GREEN BIZ LA, a certified green business program that recognizes business that reduce trash and encourage recycling thus reducing the amount of trash across the City.
- The Department will provide an implementation plan to the Council, with assistance from the CLA and the CAO and other Departments, permitting full implementation over two fiscal years, if needed, to allow prudent use of capital, equipment and staff

(8) Reserve Fund: \$2,000,000.00

Restore \$2,000,000.00 to the Reserve

- The Budget and Finance Committee has sought a prudent 5% reserve for the Budget Year
- The proposed restoration amount is slightly more than 5% of the anticipated revenues from this revenue source



(9) Los Angeles Fire Department, Fire Captain Positions: \$2,000,000.00

Restore 18 Fire Captain positions at the LAFD

- The **Mission of the Los Angeles Fire Department** is to preserve life and property, promote public safety, foster economic growth

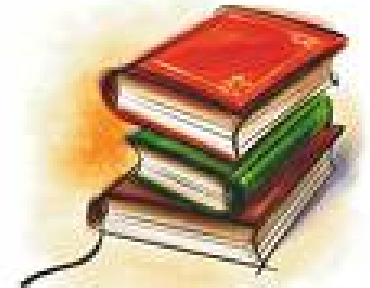
through leadership, management and actions, and serve as an all-risk fire and life safety response provider.

- **By restoring funding for these 18 Fire Captain positions**, we are providing **an invaluable service to the residents of the City.**
- The Dept. has made it clear that **the elimination** of these positions will **severely impact** the Emergency Medical Services system.
- The **restored positions** will provide **increased EMS Supervisor response times**, ability to **provide training, supervision, on site management** and **hospital liaison functions.**

(10) Los Angeles Public Library, Books and Materials Purchasing Budget: \$500,000.00

Restore the Library's Books and Materials Budget to 2007-08 level

- The Mission of the Los Angeles Public Library is to provide free and easy access to information, ideas, books and technology that enrich, education and empower every individual in our City's diverse communities.
- According to the Department for every \$1 million dollars of funding they can purchase about 50,000 books.
- The proposed funding will restore the Library's budget to purchase books and materials for the 72 libraries across the City.



(11) Los Angeles Homeless Shelter Agency: \$1,000,000.00

Augment LAHSA's program budget to address unmet service needs of the homeless

- The City's current 2008-09 funding commitments to LAHSA is \$19.0 million, \$0.2 million less than the \$19.2 million funds provided in the current year.
- The Authority had identified approximately \$4.3 million in additional funding needs (April 23, 2008 letter to B&F Committee)
- The B&F Committee approved a \$3.4 million allocation to address these needs
- This augmentation will help close the identified funding gap in the programs and services needed for the homeless
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(12) Animal Services, Shelter Operations: \$1,000,000.00

Augment the Animal Services Shelter Operations to permit the newly constructed but unopened Northeast Animal Care Center to begin serving its intended clientele in the Northeast San Fernando Valley (CD 2, 6, 7, 12).

- Due to funding shortfalls, the Department proposed converting the Northeast Animal Care Center from a public animal shelter into an evidence and special operations center restricted to Department personnel.
 - Thirteen personnel and funding are deleted from the department's budget as a result of this conversion.
- This augmentation will allow the Department to open the shelter to the public, providing residents with the opportunity to license their animals, adopt unwanted animals and serve as a drop-off center.
- The reopening of the facility will allow for the City to fulfill its obligations to the City's residents who supported Proposition F.
- The Department will provide an implementation plan to the Council, with assistance from the CLA and the CAO and other Departments, with the following considerations:
 - Funding shall be provided on the basis of needs assessment
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