

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 77706 E.M.S

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER DANNY WAN

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A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S POSITION IN SUPPORT OF SENATE BILL 204 TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO LOCAL AGENCIES FOR PROGRAMS TO RECYCLE DISPOSABLE DIAPERS.

WHEREAS, California faces a rapidly growing population that is estimated to add 25 million new residents by the year 2040, a statistic compounded by ever increasing environmental and legislative regulations; and

WHEREAS, California's landfill capacities are diminishing, yet disposable diapers are one of the largest single household items still disposed of in landfills without significant effort to divert the materials; and

WHEREAS, California cities are mandated by state legislation (AB 939) to reduce their waste diversions to landfills by 50% or face stiff financial penalties, so innovative new recycling concepts are required each day' and

WHEREAS, California residents need to recycle more items in our garbage beyond paper, plastic, glass and aluminum; and

WHEREAS, 3.3 million tons of disposable diapers or 20 billion actual diapers are dumped into U.S. landfills each year, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and disposable diapers may take up to 500 years to decompose; and

WHEREAS, disposable diapers, containing untreated human waste, present public health concerns for California's landfills, potentially contaminating precious groundwater supplies; and

WHEREAS, a successful diaper recycling program was launched in the city of Santa Clarita, CA in 2002, illustrating how disposable diapers can be recycled into many useful products including plastic wood decking, plastic roof tiles, oil filters and shoe insoles; and

WHEREAS, diaper recycling programs will help California cities meet their recycling mandates and objectives enacted by AB 939; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 204 (Perata) will provide desperately needed revenue streams for local municipalities by creating funding for local diaper recycling programs throughout California; and

WHEREAS, to fund these local programs, California residents purchasing disposable diapers will pay a recycling fee of one-fourth of one cent (\$0.0025) per diaper, which on average would cost families just \$12 to \$15 per child per lifetime;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Oakland hereby supports the passage of Senate Bill 204; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council directs the City Manager and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the passage of Senate Bill 204 in the State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 25 2003, 2003

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

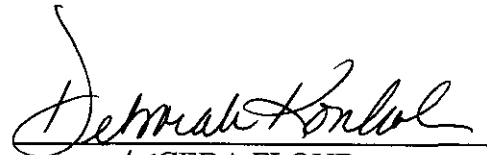
AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN, and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:



for CEDRA FLOYD

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California