

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. 81333 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 2347 (RUSKIN) - "MERCURY THERMOSTATS TAKE-BACK" THAT WOULD PROVIDE FOR FREE AND CONVENIENT RETURN OF MERCURY-CONTAINING THERMOSTATS TO ANY LOCATION THAT SELLS THEM

WHEREAS, in 2007 the City Council adopted an Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution (Resolution #80390 C.M.S), authorizing the City to pursue extended producer responsibility legislation that will give incentives for the redesign of products to make them less toxic, and shift the cost for recycling and proper disposal of products from local governments to the producer and distributor of the product; and

WHEREAS, the City Council's adopting an Extended Producer Responsibility Resolution stems from the Council's previously adopting by Resolution #80286 C.M.S in 2006 a Zero Waste Strategic Plan which includes strategies to "Advocate for Manufacturer Responsibility for Product Waste, Ban Problem Materials" and "Educate, Promote and Advocate a Zero Waste Sustainability Agenda"; and

WHEREAS, in 2006 the California Department of Toxic Substance Control designated mercury-containing thermostats as a hazardous waste which may not be disposed as solid waste; and

WHEREAS, opportunities to properly recycle mercury-containing thermostats in California are severely limited in most cases to government-operated, taxpayer-funded household hazardous waste drop-off facilities and events; and

WHEREAS, AB 2347 (Ruskin) would allow Californians at no additional charge to return mercury-containing thermostats to any location that sells new thermostats; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: the City of Oakland declares its support for AB 2347 (Ruskin); and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 20 2008, 20____


PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: 
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council