

**CITY OF WALNUT CREEK
RESOLUTION NO. 08-06**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective, making it illegal to dispose of items deemed hazardous and defined as "universal waste," 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

WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, decisions regarding design of these products are often made with little regard for waste prevention and recycling, and the costs to local governments and rate payers; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Walnut Creek supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for Universal Waste products and other product waste management costs; and

WHEREAS, the California Product Stewardship Council (CPSC) is an organization of California local governments working to speak with one voice in promoting transparent and fair Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) systems in California; and

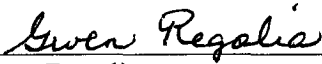
WHEREAS, the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) has adopted Strategic Directives to begin developing statewide EPR programs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WALNUT CREEK, encourages all manufacturers to assume the responsibility for eliminating waste, through minimizing excess packaging; designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling or disposal of used materials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Walnut Creek urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation that shifts Universal and other waste management costs from local government to the producers of the product.


PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Walnut Creek at a regular meeting thereof held on the 5th day of February 2008, by the following called vote:

AYES: Councilmembers: Abrams, Rainey, Silva, Skrel, Mayor Regalia
NOES: Councilmembers: None
ABSENT: Councilmembers: None



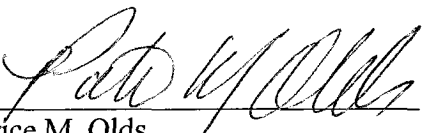
Gwen Regalia
Mayor of the City of Walnut Creek

Attest:



Patrice M. Olds
City Clerk of the City of Walnut Creek

I HEREBY CERTIFY the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 08-06, duly passed and adopted by the City Council of Walnut Creek, County of Contra Costa, State of California, at a regular meeting of said Council held on the 5th day of February 2008.



Patrice M. Olds
City Clerk of the City of Walnut Creek