

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-30

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK,
CALIFORNIA, SUPPORTING THE EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY (EPR)
POLICY THAT EXTENDS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MANUFACTURERS AND
PRODUCERS TO ENSURE THEIR PRODUCTS AND THE AMOUNT OF WASTE
CREATED ARE REDUCED, RECYCLED AND REUSED**

WHEREAS, over 100,000 tons of discarded materials and products are currently sent to landfills from our community on an annual basis; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective; and

WHEREAS, the Universal Waste Rule bans landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, 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, Universal Waste management costs are currently paid by taxpayers and rate payers of the City of Huntington Park area and are expected to increase substantially in the short term unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, local governments have no input on the design of the products, make no profit from the products, and do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and

WHEREAS, costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

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

WHEREAS, there are significant environmental and human health impacts associated with improper management of Universal Waste, sharps, and other products; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which

1 producers assume responsibility for management of waste products and which has been shown to be
2 effective; and

3 **WHEREAS**, when producers are responsible for ensuring their products are reused or
4 recycled responsibly, and when health and environmental costs are included in the product price,
5 there is an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and less
6 toxic; and

7 **WHEREAS**, EPR framework legislation establishes transparent and fair principles and
8 procedures for applying EPR to categories of products for which improved design and management
9 infrastructure is in the public interest; and

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

13 **WHEREAS**, the City of Huntington Park wishes to incorporate EPR policies into the City's
14 product procurement practices to reduce costs and protect the environment; and

15 **WHEREAS**, in January 2008 the California Integrated Waste Management Board adopted a
16 Framework for an EPS System in California.

17 **NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON
18 PARK DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

19 **SECTION 1.** The City of Huntington Park urges the California Integrated Waste
20 Management Board to continue taking timely action to implement the Framework for an EPR System
21 in California to manage Universal and other wastes.

22 **SECTION 2.** The City of Huntington Park urges the California Legislature to enact
23 framework EPR legislation that shifts Universal and other waste management costs from local
24 government to the producers of the product, and which will give producers the incentive to redesign
25 products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle.

26 **SECTION 3.** The City of Huntington Park encourages all manufacturers to share in the
27 responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for
28 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.

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ATTEST:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS
CITY OF HUNTINGTON PARK)

I, Rosanna M. Ramirez, City Clerk of the City of Huntington Park, California, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 2010-30 was duly passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Huntington Park, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested to by the City Clerk of said City, all at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the 7th day of June, 2010, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following vote, to wit:

- AYES: Council Members – Gomez, Guerrero, Molina
- NOES: Council Members – None
- ABSENT: Council Members – Hernandez, Noguez
- ABSTAIN: Council Members – None



City Clerk