

# The City of Los Angeles Passes a Resolution to Ban the Import and Sale of Single-Use Printer Cartridges


*First big city to recognize the environmental catastrophe imported cartridges are causing.*

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, April 12, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The City of Los Angeles voted on and approved to include in its 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Programs support for any legislation and/or any administrative action that would ban the import and sale of aftermarket, single-use, new built printer cartridges since they are harmful to the environment and cannot be recycled or remanufactured.

According to Energy Central, over 375 million printer cartridges are dumped in U.S. landfills annually, creating unnecessary plastic waste in the process. Imported third-party single-use cartridges use up natural resources and release greenhouse gasses during the production process. In fact, manufacturing one toner cartridge emits around 4.8Kg CO<sub>2</sub>, and more than three quarts of oil.

The U.S. printer cartridge remanufacturing industry emerged in the 1980s in response to the issue of printer cartridge waste created by original equipment manufacturers (OEM). Entities within this industry were primarily focused on finding efficient ways to recycle cartridge waste and reduce the negative environmental impact that it was causing.

The proliferation of online shopping has allowed overseas manufacturers to flood the U.S. market with single-use cartridges, selling direct-to-consumers. According to Planet Green, a U.S. based ink cartridge remanufacturer, these cartridges have undercut remanufactured cartridges while simultaneously devaluing used OEM cartridges to the point they are not cost-effective for recycling.

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**OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL**

Council File No.:	21-0002-S173
Council Meeting Date:	March 23, 2022
Agenda Item No.:	9
Agenda Description:	RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION relative to including in the City's 2021-2022 State and Federal Legislative Program, its position for any legislation and/or administrative action that would ban the import and sale of aftermarket, single-use, new built printer cartridges since they are harmful to the environment and cannot be recycled or remanufactured.
Council Action:	RULES, ELECTIONS, AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT AND RESOLUTION - ADOPTED FORTHWITH

Council Vote:	Blumenfeld	Bonin	Buscaino
YES	Cedillo	de León	Harris-Dawson
ABSENT	Koretz	Krekorian	Lee
YES	Martinez	O'Farrell	Price
YES	Raman	Rodriguez	Wesson, Jr.

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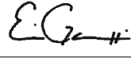
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Pursuant to Charter/Los Angeles Administrative Code Section(s): 231(h)

FILE SENT TO MAYOR	03/23/2022
LAST DAY FOR MAYOR TO ACT	04/04/2022

APPROVED

AN EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY - AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER



3/29/2022  
DATE SIGNED

Adopted Report(s) Title  
Report from Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee\_03-08-22  
Resolution (Lee - O'Farrell) dated 9-29-21

**City of Los Angeles Resolution to Support a Ban on Single Use Printer Cartridges**

Left unaddressed, foreign competitors may have the opportunity to destroy what is left of a U.S. circular economy designed to recycle cartridges. Planet Green's executives state this will result in the continued increase of plastic pollution and could leave U.S. consumers without an environmentally friendly option for print consumable products.

"The challenge that aftermarket, single-use printer cartridges pose to the United States from an environmental standpoint is alarming," said Councilman John Lee, Los Angeles City Council District 12. "A City Resolution was important to bring attention to the growing problem and show support for legislative or administrative solutions."

Planet Green launched a petition to ban imported single-use cartridges to educate the public and gain its support for State and Federal action. A ban would effectively reduce plastic waste and rebuild a once-thriving U.S. Printer cartridge re-manufacturing industry. Consumers would continue to benefit from having an economical and environmentally friendly alternative to name branded cartridges from the printer manufacturers.

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"Planet Green brought this issue to the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling, which I chair," states Heidi Sanborn, Executive Director National Stewardship Action Council. "The Commission is tasked with giving advice on how to reduce waste and methane emissions and increase recycling and recycling markets. We will be considering a draft policy proposal to address printer cartridges at our next meeting May 4th."

The petition is directed at lawmakers, the Federal Trade Commission, and major online retailers, as many of the generic cartridges sold through online platforms are falsely labeled as "Re-manufactured" to deceive consumers. To sign the petition and learn more, please visit

[DoorStepInk.com](https://DoorStepInk.com) [Support the Ban](#)

# SIGN OUR PETITION

**BAN NON-RECYCLABLE PRINTER CARTRIDGES!**  
**PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT,  
SUPPORT U.S. REMANUFACTURING!**

Support our ban on imported single-use non-recyclable printer cartridges

**SCAN CODE WITH PHONE**



TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Scan QR Code to sign petition to stop single use printer cartridges



The City of Los Angeles Resolution

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### About Planet Green

Established in 1999, Planet Green, located in Chatsworth California, is one of the last remaining printer cartridge re-manufacturers in the U.S. The business is based on diverting used printer cartridges from landfills and remanufacturing them for resell as an environmentally friendly and economical alternative. The company receives millions of used printer cartridges through its free mail-in recycling services. Consumers can mail their used ink cartridges at DoorStepInk.com, or schools and nonprofit organizations can raise funds by recycling at [Planetgreenrecycle.com](https://planetgreenrecycle.com)

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