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## "PROTECT YOURSELF": Alert

### Item 28 on Wednesday's City Council Agenda PASSED!

### Banning Disposal of Textiles & Apparel???

City Council has voted "unanimously" to adopt ordinances banning **manufacturers and retailers (online and brick and mortar stores)** from disposing of apparel and textiles, *including those items that are unsold, returned, scraps/remnants.*

The justification for the policy is based on a statement made by someone working for the Department of Sanitation using questionable data. (I.E. "Textiles are divided into two broad categories, natural fibers and man-made plastic-based fibers. Textiles represent the six most prevalent materials disposed of in California landfills with ninety-five percent of this material is either reusable or recyclable.")

The concept is based on the Mattress Recycling Council's activities which make the MRC *authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with jurisdictions to collect and transport used mattresses for recycling, funded by a recycling charge per unit collected.*

The funds are used to help collect, transport, and recycle. The LASAN (Sanitation Dept) contracts with the MRC to collect disposed mattresses and deliver them to MRC recyclers who reuse, recycle, and market the materials reclaimed into secondary markets for manufacturing new products.

*In other words, the LA Department of Sanitation wants to take over the 'waste management' and recycling of apparel and textiles...and charge YOU to do so.*

At City Council, the 'in-support' speakers were: **Mitch O'farrell, Paul Koretz, Paul Krekorian**; with a "unanimous" yes vote from those present. Councilmember DeLeon was NOT present!

Please be sure to GET INVOLVED in this issue as it affects your business operation, as textile producers, importers, cutters, domestic manufacturers, etc.

**Contact your City Councilperson ASAP.**



# CFA Supports Opposition to New Los Angeles Legislation

The **California Fashion Association (CFA)** and other industry constituents have participated in an effort to stop a new motion in the city of Los Angeles that would affect all textile companies. The proposed bill would negatively impact the industry including cost increases and potential impacts to product availability.

[Read Full Opposition Letter](#)

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