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Northwest San Pedro Neighborhood Council Report
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I. Single Use Bag Ordinance:

- a. Ban single-use plastic carryout bags,
- b. Mandate a \$0.10 charge on single-use paper carryout bags
- c. Require stores to make available reusable bags for purchase.
- d. Effective Dates:
 1. January 1, 2014 for Large Stores: A full-line, self-service retail stores with gross annual sales over \$2,000,000, selling dry grocery, canned goods, or nonfood items and perishable items i.e. Albertsons, Costco, Ralphs, Vons; OR
 2. Stores of at least 10,000 square feet of retail space generating sales or use tax and has a licensed pharmacy i.e. CVS, Rite Aid, Walgreens, etc.
 3. July 1, 2014 for Small Stores: A drug store, pharmacy, supermarket, grocery store, convenience food store, food-mart, or other entity engaged in the retail sale of a limited line of goods that includes milk, bread, soda, and snack foods, including stores with a Type 20 or 21 license issued by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control. Examples are 7-Eleven, AM/PM, mini-marts, etc.
- e. Ordinance Exempts:
 1. Restaurants, dry cleaning shops, and hardware stores such as Home Depot, Lowe's
 2. Pharmacy bags, Produce bags used for bagging vegetables, fruits, and meats;
 3. Participants of California Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children or Supplemental Food Program will receive free reusable bags or recyclable paper bags to carryout the purchases.

II. Legislative Update:

- a. Council 01.10.14 – LA 2020 Commission Report: <http://www.la2020reports.org/>
 1. Early in 2013 Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson asked Mickey Kantor to establish an independent and private commission to study and report on fiscal stability and growth in Los Angeles. Later, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa endorsed the establishment of the commission. This was the genesis of the 2020 Commission. Kantor invited twelve leaders in the Los Angeles community to serve. They represent a broad diversity of our community and a wealth of experience. Commission members have served in leadership roles at all levels of government, as executives in major corporations and financial institutions and as executives of important civic and non-profit organizations. They reside in all parts of our community and have been active for many years in Los Angeles activities.
 2. The commission came together on April 15, 2013 and has held numerous meetings and hearings with important representatives of institutions representing a broad swath of interest in our city.
 3. This report is the first of two the commission will produce. This document is descriptive of the current situation involving fiscal and economic issues facing the city. The second report will cover commission recommendations and possibly alternative ideas for addressing the challenges facing Los Angeles.

III. Upcoming Events:

- a. King and Kent: Art & Action for Social Justice
 1. Memorial Birthday Party Reception – Wednesday, January 15, 2014, 5-7pm, followed by discussion.
 2. Findings Art Center – 470 W. 6th Street, San Pedro

IV. Past Events

- a. San Pedro Library Sunday Hours Celebration
 1. Sunday, January 12, 2014.

2. Great event, well attended.
 3. Thanks to Measure L, Sunday hours at the Los Angeles Central Library and the 9 regional branch libraries have been restored from 1pm – 5pm, a year earlier than promised to the voters.
- b. CD15 Lunch Mob – Sandwich Saloon
1. Thursday, January 09, 2014, 11:30AM – 1PM
 2. 40-50 people in attendance.
 3. Great opportunity to sit down with local residents and neighbors to break bread over lunch and enjoy each other's company.
 4. Our aim is to do this once a month.
 5. Stay tuned for next one.