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Res. No. 174

Resolution calling upon the city of New York to adopt a zero waste policy to be achieved in the long term with leadership, commitment and stabilized funding.

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Whereas, The placement of materials in waste disposal facilities, such as landfills and incinerators, causes damage to human health, wastes natural resources, and wrongly transfers liabilities to future generations; and

Whereas, Taxpayers and consumers are currently forced to assume high financial costs, for the disposal of New York City's solid waste; and

Whereas, The current operation of private waste transfer stations are unsustainable, detrimental to public health, inefficient, and inequitably distributed throughout the City; and

Whereas, Our ability to dispose of waste in the future at reasonable rates is increasingly questionable; and

Whereas, An economy based on reducing waste and recovering materials for reuse and remanufacture will create and sustain more productive and meaningful jobs; and

Whereas, Producers should design products to ensure that they can be safely recycled back into the marketplace or nature; and

Whereas, Increasingly, governments and organizations are adopting a policy that the physical and financial responsibility of collecting, recycling and disposing of materials belongs to producers; and

Whereas, The Council of the City of New York supports the development of a Zero Waste Plan for New York City in order to eliminate waste and pollution in the manufacture, use, storage, and recycling of materials; and

Whereas, The Council of the City of New York confirms its commitment to a target of Zero Waste by 2024, with measurable milestones delineated in the 2004 Solid Waste Management Plan, annual progress reports and a complete review in the 2014 Solid Waste Management Plan; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Council of the City of New York calls upon the city of New York to adopt a zero waste policy to be achieved in the long term with leadership, commitment and stabilized funding.

