

May 7, 2019

The Honorable Mike Gipson
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gipson:

AB 1672 (Bloom): Labeling of Single-Use Wipes - Support Position

The City of Carson is pleased to support AB 1672 by Assembly Member Richard Bloom.

AB 1672 would establish labeling requirements and performance standards for single-use wipes so that Californians will know whether a used wipe can be flushed safely or should be disposed in the trash can. In recent years, single-use wipes have gained popularity for a variety of daily household purposes, and some are advertised as "flushable," which encourages residents to dispose of wipes products generally by flushing them instead of placing them in the trashcan. Because many single-use wipes are not compatible with sewer systems and wastewater infrastructure, flushing these products results in their getting caught in pipes or accumulating with fats, oils, and grease and becoming larger obstructions that cause costly backups, or further down the sewer line, weaving together and creating giant rags which get stuck in pump systems, motors and at the treatment plant headworks, and may cause expensive damage to equipment and require significant extra staff resources for operations and maintenance.

Over the last decade, single-use wipes have been an increasing problem for property owners, sewer systems, and ratepayers, since wipes often do not break down after being flushed. These challenges are being experienced by agencies around the state, and AB 1672 would ensure that packaging for wipes clearly communicates whether the product can be safely flushed down the drain or that it does not break apart like toilet paper and should not be flushed.

For these reasons, the city of Carson is pleased to support AB 1672, and we respectfully request your "Aye" vote on this important bill.

Sincerely,

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