



# “Supplemental Material”

For

## City of Sacramento

Law and Legislation Committee

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**Title:** Single-Use Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance in the City of Sacramento

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### **Description of Change:**

In the “Financial Considerations” section of the staff report, the most conservative, and thus expensive, estimates were used for implementation. Following direction and clarification from the City Council Member Sponsors of the proposed ordinance, staff is revising those estimates to more accurately reflect the actual cost. Council Members Cohn and McCarty have met with major grocers, the Grocers Association and the Chamber of Commerce on this issue.

Based upon additional information received, staff is lowering the implementation costs of a plastic bag ban ordinance to a range of \$120,000-\$140,000. We arrive at this number by removing the \$50,000 for the bag giveaway as grocers may prefer to provide reusable bags with their logos as a marketing tool versus having bags provided by the City. Further, based upon research, we believe a negative declaration will fulfill CEQA requirements with no need for a full Environmental Impact Report. Additionally, costs for outreach and education can be significantly reduced through public-private partnerships with effected businesses and utilization of existing City resources such as the City’s Website, newsletter and social media. The revised cost breakdown is as follows:

Code Enforcement:	\$100,000-\$120,000
CEQA	\$20,000 for a Negative Declaration under CEQA

Should the Law and Legislation Committee recommend that staff return with a proposed ordinance, the cost of implementation will be further refined based upon policy direction related to thresholds and implementation dates.



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