

City of Los Angeles Waste Hauling Takes Big Step to Exclusive Franchise System

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The City of Los Angeles took another step towards granting exclusive franchises for commercial trash hauling within the City, franchises that would also cover large apartment complexes. Under a plan approved by two City Council Committees on August 29, Los Angeles would be divided into eleven geographical areas, with a commercial trash hauler granted an exclusive franchise in each.

According to a Los Angeles Times [article](#), labor and environmental groups support the plan, claiming it will “boost recycling, reduce truck traffic, and improve working conditions in a hazardous industry”.

Opposing the plan are certain “business interests and apartment owners, as well as the city’s top budget guru, Chief Administrative Officer Miguel Santana.” The head of the Los Angeles County Disposal Association complained about the death of competition and a new inefficient bureaucracy.

The plan was approved by Council members sitting on the Ad Hoc Committee on Waste Reduction & Recycling, as well as the Energy and Environment Committee.

Adrian Martinez, a staff attorney for Environmental Justice, was a key advocate supporting the exclusive franchise system. In his [blog](#), Martinez calls this “a big moment for LA waste policy because at the conclusion of the hearing, these committee members determined that an exclusive franchise model has the best likelihood of success to achieve environmental objectives.”

The final vote will now go to the full City Council for approval.

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