

RESOLUTION NO. 2676-10

**A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR
SUPPORTING EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY
(EPR)**

WHEREAS, approximately 15,000 tons of discarded materials and products are currently sent to disposal from our community each year; and

WHEREAS, on February 8, 2006 California's Universal Waste Rule (CCR, Title 22, Division 4.5, Chapter 23) became effective, banning landfill disposal of certain products that are deemed hazardous, including household batteries, fluorescent bulbs and tubes, thermostats and other items that contain mercury, and electronic devices such as, televisions, cell phones, microwave ovens, printers, and computers; and

WHEREAS, state policies currently make local governments responsible for achieving waste diversion goals and enforcing product disposal bans, both of which are unfunded mandates; and

WHEREAS, the costs to manage Universal Waste and problematic products are currently borne by taxpayers and rate payers and, because of the bans these costs are increasing substantially and will continue to do so unless policy changes are made; and

WHEREAS, local governments do not have the resources to adequately address the rising volume of discarded products; and

WHEREAS, costs paid by local governments to manage products are in effect subsidies to the producers of hazardous products and products designed for disposal; and

WHEREAS, the Windsor Town Council supports statewide efforts to hold producers responsible for the Universal Waste products and other product waste they create; and

WHEREAS, Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) is a policy approach in which producers have cradle-to-grave responsibility for the products they create and sell and are responsible for designing, managing and funding effective end-of-life (EOL) systems for those products; and

WHEREAS, EPR encourages reuse and recycling and also encourages producers to consider the health and environmental costs associated with the products they create and to include those costs in the product price, thereby creating an incentive to design products that are more durable, easier to repair and recycle, and are non-toxic.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor urges the California Legislature and Agencies to continue taking timely action to implement a framework for an EPR System adopted by the California Integrated Waste Management Board in 2008, and to urge the Department of Toxic Substances Control to implement EPR under the Green Chemistry initiative to manage Universal and other toxic products; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council of the Town of Windsor urges the California Legislature to enact framework EPR legislation which will give producers the incentive to design products to make them less toxic and easier to reuse and recycle; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Manager of Windsor be authorized to send letters to the League of California Cities and the State legislature to urge support for EPR product or framework legislation and related regulations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Windsor encourages all manufacturers to share in the responsibility for eliminating waste through minimizing excess packaging, designing products for durability, reusability and the ability to be recycled; using recycled materials in the manufacture of new products; and providing financial support for collection, processing, recycling, or disposal of used materials.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 5TH day of May 2010, by vote as follows:

**AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS ALLEN, FUDGE, GOBLE, SCHOLAR AND
MAYOR SALMON**
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: NONE



SAM SALMON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



MARIA DE LA O, TOWN CLERK