Date: May 19, 2022
To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager
From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works
For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: City Launches Residential Food Scraps and Yard Debris Curbside Collection Program Survey for Single-Family Homes

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) establishes a statewide target to achieve a 75 percent reduction of organic waste to reduce methane gas emissions from our landfills. Cities must divert food scraps and yard debris from the trash in order meet this target. The Public Works Department, Environmental Services Bureau (ESB) is launching a citywide survey to seek feedback on the implementation of this mandate through a residential food scraps and yard debris curbside collection program.

The Food Scraps and Yard Debris Curbside Collection Survey is available online at bit.ly/lbgreencartsurvey through July 8, 2022, at 11:59 p.m., and is available in English, Khmer, Spanish, and Tagalog. Printed copies of the survey are also available at all Long Beach public libraries and City Hall, and flyers have been mailed to residents through the LB Recycler Newsletter. Information gathered from the survey will be used to develop outreach and education efforts for the future implementation of the residential Food Scraps and Yard Debris Curbside Collection Program for single-family residents.

Residential food scraps and yard debris collection is the City of Long Beach’s (City) next step toward achieving California’s diversion and greenhouse (GHG) emission goals. In June 2021, ESB launched a Commercial Food Scraps Collection Pilot Program, in which 105 businesses received green carts for their food scraps along with site visits, training materials, and signage, to help businesses set up a successful food scraps collection program. This collaborative effort has diverted 4,692 tons of food scraps from the waste stream to create renewable energy, reduce food waste, and prevent potent greenhouse gas emissions. The City will expand this program to more businesses this summer. Information is available at www.longbeach.gov/lborganics and all materials and trainings are available in multiple languages.

If you have any questions, please contact Diko Melkonian, Environmental Services Bureau Manager/Deputy Director of Public Works at (562) 570-2856.

ATTACHMENT: FOOD SCRAPS AND YARD DEBRIS CURBSIDE COLLECTION SURVEY FLYER

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Hey Long Beach! Help the City put into action a food scraps and yard debris curbside collection program.

The City of Long Beach must implement a State-mandated food scraps and yard debris curbside collection program as required by California Senate Bill 1383.

Your feedback will help the City implement this program.

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/lbgreencartsurvey by July 8th.

Want to take this survey in person? Surveys are available at City Hall and all Long Beach public libraries.

Have questions or need more information? Visit longbeach.gov/lbrecycles or call 562-570-2876.

To request this information in an alternative format or to request a reasonable accommodation, please contact Department of Public Works at lbrecycles@longbeach.gov or 562-570-2850. A minimum of three (3) business days is requested to ensure availability. Reasonable attempts will be made to accommodate request made within less than three (3) business days.