



Date: July 23, 2024

To: Thomas B. Modica, City Manager 

From: Eric Lopez, Director of Public Works 

For: Mayor and Members of the City Council

Subject: **Pilot Program 24-Hr. Mattress Drop Off**

The Public Works Department engaged in a pilot partnership with the Mattress Recycling Council in April 2023, inviting Long Beach residents to recycle their used mattresses the first Saturday of every month. The Mattress Recycling Council (MRC) is a nonprofit organization formed by the mattress industry, which operates in states such as California that have enacted mattress recycling laws. The City of Long Beach's (City) participation in the MRC's "Bye Bye Mattress" program, a mattress recycling initiative, aligns with the City's commitment to environmental sustainability, waste-reduction education, and services while reducing the illegal dumping of mattresses.

To date, Public Works has recycled 458 mattresses from resident drop-offs through this new initiative. After mattresses are dropped off, Public Works sorts them for collection, and they are then taken to a recycling facility where they are cut open and separated into steel, foam, fiber, and wood. Over 75 percent of mattress components can be recycled thus reducing waste and illegal dumping while diverting mattresses from landfills.

Due to the success of the current program, the City has launched a 90-day pilot program for Long Beach residents to drop their mattresses off in a designated area at 970 W Chester Pl. 24 hours/7 days a week starting August 1, 2024. The Public Works Department is confident that this pilot program will significantly diminish the amount of illegal mattress dumping throughout Long Beach contributing to a more sustainable future for our community.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Marc Wright, Public Services Bureau Manager, at (562) 570-2780.

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