



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council **Item No.** _____

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Recognition of Businesses for Wastewater Discharge Compliance

MEETING DATE: September 17, 2019

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the Mayor to send a congratulatory letter and certificate of commendation to each of the fifteen (15) qualifying businesses in Commerce that are in compliance with the County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts' waste discharge requirements and also recognized by the Sanitation District as "Good Corporate Citizen" for the 2018 calendar year.

ANALYSIS:

The County of Los Angeles Sanitation District requires any business who needs to discharge industrial wastewater to their sewerage system obtain an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. Industrial wastewater is all wastewater from any manufacturing, processing, institutional, commercial or agricultural operation or any operation where the wastewater discharged includes significant quantities of waste of non-human origin. In order to obtain a permit, the business may be required to monitor its wastewater and provide chemical analysis reports to the Sanitation Districts on a regular basis. Further, some types of businesses may require pre-treatment prior to discharge under State and Federal regulations such as those working with or manufacturing metals, glass, chemicals, fertilizer, leather tanning, petroleum refining, roofing materials, paint, and soap and detergent.

The County of Los Angeles Sanitation Districts' Industry Advisory Council created an annual Certificate of Recognition Program twenty three years ago for businesses with wastewater permits assigned by the Districts who complied with their permit regulations. The Industrial Advisory Council consists of twenty-one (21) representatives from different industrial sectors. The program applies to significant industrial users of the Sanitation Districts' wastewater management system, those discharging over one million gallons during a fiscal year, who promote protecting public health and the environment with Best Management Practices and permit compliance.

The fifteen (15) businesses who qualify for recognition as a “Good Corporate Citizen” for the 2018 calendar year are:

1. A M V A C Chemical Corporation
2. ASCO Sintering Company
3. BNSF Railway Company
4. Bridge Publications, Inc.
5. Chameleon Beverage Co., Inc.
6. Cotton Cloob, Inc.
7. Engineered Polymer Solutions
8. Huhtamaki, Inc.
9. Ramcar Batteries, Inc.
10. ROMAC Supply Company
11. The Newark Group, Inc.
12. Trichromatic-West, Inc.
13. Ultimate Metal Finishing Corp.
14. Union Pacific Railroad Company
15. Wiretech, Inc.

These businesses met their limits for wastewater discharge for at least a year, maintained their environmental equipment and fulfilled all permit requirements. Further, these businesses foster good working relationships of cooperation with local governments and share a concern for the environment and responsible business practices.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to “foster environmentally conscious initiatives and continue to identify and develop City codes that support a clean, well-maintained, sustainable community.”

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