March 17, 2014

TO: Interested Persons

FROM: Susanne Cook, Associate Planner

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY-DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE PROJECT (SCH#: 2013122031)

PROJECT LOCATION: The project is located within the City of Sacramento, Sacramento County (please see attached map).

COMMENT PERIOD: March 20, 2014 to May 5, 2014 (4PM)

As Lead Agency, the City of Sacramento has completed the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Reusable Bag Ordinance project. The document is now available for public review and comment. You may obtain a copy of the document at the Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, Third Floor, Sacramento, California 95811, between 9:00am and 4:00pm (except holidays). The document is also available for review at the downtown Central Library and at the City’s Community Development Department, environmental documents webpage at the following link: http://portal.cityofsacramento.org/Community-Development/Planning/Environmental/Impact-Reports.aspx

The proposed Reusable Bag Ordinance would prohibit certain stores in the City from distributing single-use plastic bags, and would require a minimum $.10 fee on recycled paper bags and reusable bags distributed by the affected stores. The intent of the proposed ordinance is to mitigate environmental impacts associated with single-use plastic bags and encourage consumers to use reusable shopping bags.

The issues discussed within the EIR are those that have been identified as potentially significant impacts including: Air Quality; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hydrology/Water Quality; and Utilities and Service Systems.

The Draft EIR is being circulated for a 45-day public review period from March 20, 2014 to May 5, 2014. Written comments regarding the Draft EIR should be received by the Environmental Planning Services NO LATER THAN 4:00 pm, Monday, May 5, 2014.

Written comments should be submitted to:

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If you have any questions concerning the environmental review process, please call Susanne Cook (916) 808-5375.