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Item 41 on the November 16, 2010 agenda contemplates prohibiting the issuance of single-use plastic carryout bags at drug stores, pharmacies, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience food stores, foodmarts, and similar retail stores in the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. This Board takes pride in its leadership role in our environmental actions; when we ask the private sector and members of the public to do so, we must be similarly diligent.

Since 2007, after we instructed staff to evaluate options to reduce the use of plastic bags in the County, our Departments have reduced their consumption of plastic bags, and most Departments have eliminated plastic bag usage. We must now commit to eliminate plastic carryout bags from County operations.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct all Departments to phase out, by no later than July 1, 2011, the use of plastic carryout bags at all County-operated facilities and offices, including commercial food and beverage suppliers at County-sponsored events at County-operated facilities and offices.

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