

RESOLUTION NO. C- 28471

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH IN OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSED SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT REVISION
FOR BEL-ART TRANSFER STATION

WHEREAS, the Bel-Art Transfer Station, located at 2501 E. 68th Street in
the City of Long Beach presently accepts approximately 1300 tons of solid waste per day,
six days per week, and

WHEREAS, solid waste is currently transported to the facility in hundreds
of trucks, ranging in size from ten-ton refuse transport trucks to cars and pick-up trucks,
increasing local traffic problems, and

WHEREAS, the current operation of this facility causes noise, litter, dust and
odor problems for local residents, causing detriment to their quality of life and the
enjoyment of their homes, and

WHEREAS, this facility is located across the street from McKinley School,
exposing children to noise, litter, dust and odor on the playground and in the classrooms,
and increased traffic on adjoining streets, and

WHEREAS, Bel-Art Transfer Station has applied for a revision to its Solid
Waste Facility Permit (19-AK-0001), and

WHEREAS, according to its own estimates, if Bel-Art Transfer Station is
granted the requested permit revision, the number of truck trips will increase by 700 per
day, and the tonnage accepted will increase to as much as 4,000 tons per day, six days
per week, and

WHEREAS, the result of such increases in operations will result in a
commensurate increase in traffic, noise, litter, dust and odors, and

WHEREAS, both schoolchildren and local residents will be exposed to the

1 negative impacts of this expanded operation, and

2 WHEREAS, these negative impacts include the potential creation of air
3 quality "hot spots" and other concentrations of pollutants, and

4 WHEREAS, some negative impacts on the community are acknowledged
5 by Bel-Art in its Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study, which contends those
6 impacts are mitigated or offset when regional needs and impacts are considered, and

7 WHEREAS, neither the present potential health impacts to the local
8 community, nor those expected under expanded operations, have been adequately
9 studied so that appropriate local mitigation measures can be required, and

10 WHEREAS, the mitigation measures presently proposed do not include a
11 Mitigation Monitoring Program, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act
12 (CEQA) Guidelines and,

13 WHEREAS, public notice for the public hearing on the certification fo the
14 Mitigated Negative Declaration has been inadequate and does not comply with California
15 law;

16 NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Long Beach resolves
17 as follows:

18 Section 1. The City Council of the City of Long Beach hereby opposes the
19 Bel-Art Transfer Station's proposed expansion of its Solid Waste Facility Permit (19-AK-
20 0001) because of the negative impact its present operation has on nearby residents and
21 schoolchildren, including traffic, odors, litter, dust and noise.

22 Sec. 2. The City Council of the City of Long Beach urges the County of
23 Los Angeles Department of Health Services to adequately evaluate the impacts of the
24 proposed permit expansion on nearby residents and on children at McKinley School,
25 including but not limited to the evaluation of potential air quality "hot spots."

26 Sec. 3. Further, the City Council of the City of Long Beach urges the County
27 of Los Angeles Department of Health Services to require Bel-Art Transfer Station to add
28 a Mitigation Monitoring Program to its Mitigated Negative Declaration and Initial Study as

1 required by CEQA Guidelines, before giving any further consideration to this permit
2 revision application.

3 Sec. 4. The City Council of the City of Long Beach urges that the public
4 hearing on the Mitigated Negative Declaration be postponed and notice of the public
5 hearing be reissued in accordance with California law after the Mitigated Negative
6 Declaration and Initial Study is revised to comply CEQA Guidelines.

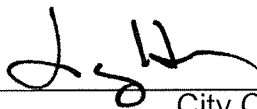
7 Sec. 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by
8 the City Council and the City Clerk shall certify the vote adopting this resolution.

9 I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the City Council
10 of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of October 19, 2004, by the following
11 votes:

12 Ayes: Councilmembers: Colonna, O'Donnell, Kell,
13 Richardson, Reyes Uranga,
14 Gabelich, Lerch.

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16 Noes: Councilmembers: None.

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18 Absent: Councilmembers: Lowenthal, Baker.

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23 City Clerk