

# How to Make Los Angeles a More Circular City

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# First Things First!

- Need much more granular waste characterization
  - Weigh waste per collection area
  - Characterize the waste stream per land use (commercial, industrial, residential)
  - Characterize the waste in the recycling stream and by place and land use
  - Target high waste generation sectors and types of waste for waste reduction
    - E.g. policies to require the collection of cardboard by the retailers who generate the waste stream
    - Quantify the amount of fabric in the waste stream ETC

# Build local capacity for a circular city

- Identify what waste streams have the potential for reuse
- Create a reuse research and development incubator
  - Fabric waste for
    - paper,
    - insulation,
    - other
  - Cardboard, paper, wood products for construction materials
  - Metals
  - Building materials
  - Furniture
- Finally, getting these new technologies and new manufacturing to scale to create good, skilled jobs