

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.