

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, The issues surrounding waste is something we all should consider daily. Single-use plastics are a problem across the planet and during the pandemic consumption of single-use plastics has increase in LA by 250% since the start of the pandemic. I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout is part of our daily lives and the best way we can support LA restaurants. Unfortunately delivery and takeout come with single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not needed, are not asked for and are 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. As you well know, COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. In LA, with restaurants struggling to keep their doors open and the large number that have closed, if they provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. Thank you for considering this important issue. Let's have LA lead on #SkipTheStuff. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.