

Communication from Public

Name: Alex

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 02:17 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I'm glad that LA City is taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I'm writing to urge LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive motion that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Doug Saribay

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Name: Stacey Slevcove

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Name: Brittany

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Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a worldwide leader, the City of Los Angeles must act quickly to reduce plastic use and waster. I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables.
Thanks

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Name: Traci Considine

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Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Schaeffer

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of all actions that will reduce the negative impact of single use plastics. Restaurants must comply with the "stop the stuff" ordinance and the LA Sanitation needs funding to enforce the ordinance and to educate the public. I look forward to many new motions from recommendations outlined in the LA Sanitation Comprehensive Plastic Report.

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Name: Heng Lam Foong

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Name: Rona Bortz

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrea C

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm thrilled that the city of Los Angeles is attempting to address the critical issue of plastic, which is harming our communities and the planet. I urge the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that tackles plastic reduction. I support banning EPS foodware, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and creating comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. I also encourage the Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and charging a fee on disposables. Thank you for leading the charge in this critical effort.

Communication from Public

Name: Ann Dorsey

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of: an EPS foodware ban lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban implementing the city department zero waste plan and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. Ann Dorsey Northridge, CA 91325

Communication from Public

Name: Henry Tracey

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The LA City Council must finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. As a member of the Echo Park Trash Club, we pick up 4 tons of trash a month and most of it is single-use Plastic waste. Think about all the trash in our city that doesn't get picked up by volunteers, and think about how much better our city could be with better reform. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. This may seem strict but has been proven to work in other cities where it has been implemented. Thank you for your leadership.

Communication from Public

Name: Carlos Navarrette

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Our planet is dying. Unless we take radical action now everybody is going to fucking die!

Communication from Public

Name: Donna Pattillo

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers: The use of plastics, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife, is a critical issue. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for your leadership. Donna Pattillo Chatsworth

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Boyle

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 09:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an environmental attorney, former prosecutor with LADA and Co-founder of Plastic Pollution Policy, I implore this body to take action to prevent further desecration of our environment and health from plastic pollution. The only way to stop the ongoing flood of single use plastic into our air, soil and water is to prevent its use. There is no need for most of the applications of plastic that remains permanently after a single use. We have become used to the “convenience” of throwing away our cutlery, packaging and so much more when there is no “away”. Now that we find that our babies are born pre-polluted with petrochemicals and we all have microplastics in our feces and chemicals from plastic in our blood, we know there must be a stop to this madness. Yet, time after time, bodies such as this council fail to take meaningful action due to pressure from those who profit from the destruction of our planet and the ruination of our health. Dr. Shana Swan warns that we may not be able to reproduce soon due to the endocrine disruptors we are consuming from plastic. The time has come to force plastic producers to choose safer materials. Their arguments about jobs are spurious. The same arguments were surely made by the manufacturers of buggy whips against the automobile - and now we see that we don’t need petroleum to travel! We must not refuse to make progress or our species will be the cause of our own destruction. Thank you for this opportunity to address you. Lisa Kaas Boyle, Esq.

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Name: Amir

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Communication from Public

Name: Fabienne Bouville

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 07:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please approve LA Sanitation's recommendations. Plastic pollution is an epic crisis which requires sensible regulation for the sake of all of us and the health of the planet.

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Name: Michele Ringler
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Comments for Public Posting: As a concerned citizen living in Los Angeles, I am requesting that the City Council take up the recommendations to ban single use plastics, polystyrene and establish guidelines for city events to be zero waste. These changes are urgently needed to create a more sustainable society. Thank you!

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Name: Eric Ericson

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Name: Amy Ellenberger

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Name: Ann Rubin

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Name: Bryan Matsumoto

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 07:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The exponential rise in plastic and disposable waste since the pandemic has been disheartening, right at a time when we were starting to build momentum for reusable, sustainable policy. I am very happy to see LA City taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for your leadership.

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Name: Kathryn A Craig

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 07:52 PM

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Name: Courtney

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Name: Tito Galdo

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 06:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am happy to see LA City taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. Aside from being totally over seeing plastic wherever I turn, every time I see a photo of fish and our oceans in general being overtaken by this toxic threat I want to cry and commit to misanthropy forever. If we can't turn the tide on plastics we are beyond redemption. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for your leadership.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Butler

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 06:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: It's encouraging that LA City is dealing with the issue of waste plastic and pollution, as this is causing significant harm to our environment, ecosystems, wildlife, and communities. Please finalize an ordinance that leads to plastic reduction, including an EPS foodware ban, elimination of all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementation of the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Let's also promote reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables, the best way to drive a reduction in plastic waste. Thank you for receiving my comments.

Communication from Public

Name: Alison McAlpine

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 07:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass a law limiting plastic usage appearing everywhere: parks, streets, beaches, waterways, mountains and oceans. It needs to stop

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Name: Jorge De Cecco

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Name: Reusable LA

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable City Councilmembers, We commend your leadership and your dedication to promoting healthier communities and supporting businesses in Los Angeles. The Reusable LA Coalition (RULA) urges you to approve LASAN's environmental review and support measures to reduce plastic pollution in our communities. Please find our attached support letter for agenda item #28 and council file 21-0046. Gratefully,
Reusable LA

TO: Los Angeles City Council
CC: Barbara Romero, Director and General Manager
LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)

FROM: The Reusable LA Coalition

DATE: February 14, 2022

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

The [Reusable LA Coalition \(RULA\)](#) commends the collaborative leadership between the ECCEJR Committee and LASAN on plastic pollution reduction and its serious focus on solving the City's waste problems. The recommended policies outlined in the November 2021 report are far-reaching and comprehensive in scope. The policies outlined, particularly around source reduction and reusable foodware, will result in multifold benefits to both our environment and economy.

We respectfully submit the following comments in response to the determination in Table 3 of the "Report on Various Motions on the Reduction of Single-Use Plastics" (issued by LASAN and considered by the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee on December 2, 2021). **We recommend that the City shift the policies requiring the use of reusable foodware for dine-in services and the fee on disposables from "longer term" to "short term."** Implementation of both those policies would result in a clear reduction of disposable foodware production, disposal, and environmental litter, and thus would have a significant beneficial impact on the environment.

A majority of studies show that reuse is better across all environmental measures.

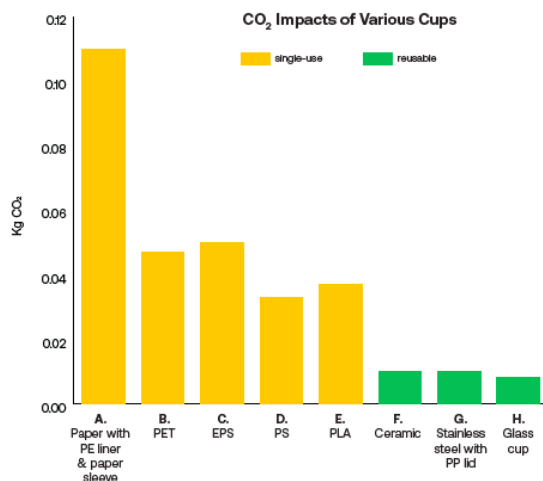
Without question, the requirement of reusable utensils, dishes, cups, and other foodware for on-site dining is one of the simplest and most effective strategies suggested. The transition from disposable to reusable foodware is a win for the environment, climate justice, and small businesses. This has been documented by an overwhelming majority of Life Cycle Analyses (LCAs) on the topic. Several recent reviews of the LCAs which considered disposable vs. reusable options have found this to be true.

Notably, the [2020 UCLA Luskin Center](#) report commissioned by the County of Los Angeles, "Plastic Waste in Los Angeles County: Impacts, Recyclability, and the Potential for Alternatives in the Food Service Sector", concluded that "based on available information, increased usage of reusable ware in the Los Angeles County food service sector would likely be an unequivocal net benefit. Potential avenues for such a transition include more consistent usage of reusable items at dine-in food service locations..." The report considered the LCAs and concluded that "Across most environmental impact categories, existing research shows a consensus that a reusable food service product- given reasonable assumptions about its lifetime uses- will have a smaller footprint than disposable options...Even accounting for varying methodologies, reusable items result in lower lifetime impacts than disposables."¹

¹https://innovation.luskin.ucla.edu/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/Plastic_Waste_in_LA_County.pdf, pp. 27-28

The United Nations Environment Programme in [Single-Use Plastic Tableware and its Alternatives](#) has also reviewed 6 LCAs of disposable plastic versus reusable options. The key take-away of the report is that “...reusable tableware consistently outperforms single-use tableware in all the studies and across all environmental impact categories...”² The report advises policy makers to choose to replace disposable foodware with reusables.

Upstream’s 2021 report [Reuse Wins](#), reviewed 14 LCAs of reusables and a wide array of disposable materials. Below are some of the highlights from that report regarding the environmental benefits of reusable foodware.



Reuse is a climate solution. In 2019, approximately 530 billion disposable cups were used worldwide- 85 billion in the U.S. alone.³ All reusable cups (ceramic, stainless steel, glass) have lower CO₂ footprints than the single-use options (paper, PET, EPS, PP, PLA, laminated cardboard) when reused.⁴ Reusables must be used enough times to achieve their environmental benefit. Glass, stainless steel, and ceramic cups cups greenhouse gas emissions and energy impacts, for cups, ceramic is better than paper when used 10- 70 times,⁵ and 100 times when including the lid and a sleeve.⁶ Glass is better than paper when used 36 times.⁷ Generally, experts consider stainless steel, glass, and ceramic cups all to be used 1,000 times or more.

For plates, a reusable porcelain plate has much lower climate impact than polystyrene, PLA / compostable plastic, and cellulose pulp, with the *plant-based options having the worst impacts overall*.⁸ For clamshells, reusable polypropylene clamshells need to be used 14 times to outperform the bagasse (fiber-usually sugarcane pulp) clamshell,⁹ and 3-39 times to outperform the expanded polystyrene clamshell.¹⁰ With few studies of disposable versus reusable utensils. However, one study found that

²https://www.lifecycleinitiative.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/UNEP-D001-Tableware-Report_Lowres.pdf

³ Gordon, M. (2021) Reuse Wins, Upstream, p.<https://upstreamolutions.org/reuse-wins-report>

⁴ Ibid, pp. 48-49

⁵ Bramberg, et al. See also: Alliance for Environmental Innovation: A Project of Environmental Defense and The Pew Charitable Trust. (2000) Report of the Starbucks Coffee Company/ Alliance for Environmental Innovation Joint Task Force-
<https://www.edf.org/news/starbucks-alliance-environmental-innovation-release-report-regarding-environmental-impacts-serv> Full document available upon request at info@upstreamolutions.org

⁶ CIRAIG (2014) Life Cycle Analysis of reusable and single-use coffee cups, Recyc-Quebec-
<https://www.recyc-quebec.gouv.qc.ca/sites/default/files/documents/acv-tasses-cafe-resume-english.pdf>

⁷ Alliance for Environmental Innovation.

⁸ Pro.mo/Unionplast (2015) [Comparative Life Cycle Assessment Study of Tableware for Alimentary Use](#). Milan, Italy

⁹ Harnoto, M. (2013) A Comparative Life Cycle Assessment of Compostable and Reusable Takeout Clamshells at the University of California, Berkeley-
https://nature.berkeley.edu/classes/es196/projects/2013final/HarnotoM_2013.pdf

¹⁰ Gallego-Schmid A., Mendoza J.M.F., Azapagic A., "Environmental impacts of takeaway food containers," *Journal of Cleaner Production* 211 (2019) 417-427-
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0959652618336230>

See also: Copeland, A. M., Ormsby, A. A., & Willingham, A. M. (2013). [Assessment and Comparative Analysis of a Reusable Versus Disposable To-Go System](#). *Sustainability: The Journal of Record*, 6(6), 353–358 <https://doi.org/10.1089/SUS.2013.9832>

reusable stainless steel spoons had to be used twice to result in the energy consumption of two polystyrene plastic spoons, and four times to result in the same energy impact as polypropylene.¹¹

Reuse and water consumption. A majority of the time, reusables have a lower water footprint than disposables. The water consumption of disposable cups (paper, expanded polystyrene, and compostable fiber) from cradle to grave is significantly higher generally than reusable ceramic¹² and glass¹³ cups. Stainless steel cups are on par with paper cups for lifecycle water consumption.¹⁴ The water used in growing bio-based plastics makes them the least favorable option.

However, reusables consume more water at restaurants (i.e. in the consumption phase) due to ware-washing. In a Starbucks study, ceramic reusable cups reduced the lifecycle water usage by 64% when they replaced paper cups. This was with older, less efficient dishwashers than are typically used today.¹⁵ In a more recent study, 500 paper cups consumed nearly 370 gallons of water, versus one ceramic cup which required 53 gallons of water when used 500 times.¹⁶ Newer more efficient commercial dishwashers that are typically in use today can significantly reduce the water consumption in food service operations.

Reuse saves food business operators money.

We believe that the reordering of these elements between "short term" and "longer term" policy strategies may result in more immediate action to reduce or eliminate the negative environmental impacts of disposable foodware items, and thus the realization of substantial beneficial environmental impacts. Through these measures we can meet targets outlined in the Green New Deal including increasing landfill diversion rate to 90% by 2025 and reducing municipal solid waste generation per capita by at least 15% by 2030 including phasing out single-use plastics by 2028.

Furthermore, we recommend this action be considered immediately not only due to the aforementioned environmental benefits, but also **because reuse on site has been shown to save businesses money**. The County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors is currently considering moving forward with Reuse for Dine-in immediately and we recommend the City coordinate efforts with the County and follow suit on this regard, ReThink Disposable has demonstrated that California foodservice businesses *always save money when transitioning to reusables onsite (based on 166 case studies)*, on average \$3,000 to \$22,000 per year by transitioning to reuse onsite, while also reducing between 110,000 to 225,000 packaging items per business and 1,200 to 2,200 pounds of waste.¹⁷ And the potential savings for business and local government from reduced waste to manage would be enormous.

¹¹ Dennison, R. A. (1998). Environmental Comparison of Reusable Spoons Made from Stainless Steel vs. Disposable Spoons Made from Polystyrene or Polypropylene- cited in Sheehan, B. (2017). *Literature Review and Inventory: Greenhouse Gas Impacts of Disposable vs Reusable Foodservice Products* (Rep.). Clean Water Action/Clean Water Fund- www.rethinkdisposable.org

¹² CIRAIG

¹³ Promo

¹⁴ CIRAIG

¹⁵ Alliance for Environmental Innovation

¹⁶ CIRAIG

¹⁷ Gordon, M. p.59. Note: these kinds of economic benefits are shown in other studies across the globe- but ReThink Disposable provides a very California-centric dataset.

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to providing any additional information upon your request.

Sincerely,

The Reusable LA Coalition

www.reusableLA.org

Communication from Public

Name: Tamara Maloney

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

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Communication from Public

Name: Amie Serio

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Plastic is so bad for the planet! I support the LA City Council's finalization of LA Sanitation's recommendations and comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. We're counting on you!

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Brown

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: It's long past time for the City of Los Angeles to tackle disposable plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS foodware ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables, or the use of biodegradable food containers (e.g., paper products instead of plastic). Thank you for addressing this issue.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am happy to see LA City taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I encourage the LA City Council to 1) ***Institute an EPS foodware ban!!!!**** 2) Finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction 3) Lift all exemptions on the plastic bag ban 4) Implement the city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies 5) Consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables Thank you for your leadership.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Scully

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 04:55 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Eric Newton

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for taking on the critical issue of reducing the outrageous amount of plastic commercial businesses dump on the public. All this plastic is hurting the environment as litter but also plastic is made of oil, so it's furthering our dependence on fossil fuel extraction and it's damaging our climate! I hope the LA City Council finalizes LA Sanitation's recommendations and drafts a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. I support: *an EPS foodware ban, *lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, *implementing the city department zero waste plan, and *comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. Additionally, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for your leadership. We can succeed if YOU lead!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:04 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Lindsay S

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Name: Carrie Smith

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Communication from Public

Name: Leilani

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: STOP ALL PLASTIC UNTENSILS AND BAGS. Get smart and .dDo the right thing for the citizens of .Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Aida

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Adopt a zero waste plan No exceptions on the plastic bag ban
Adopt a plastic reduction plan. No more single use plastics, we produce way too much trash. Other countries use plates and cups and wash them. We can do the same. Or encourage folks to bring their own. We can also implement plans for people to return containers.

Communication from Public

Name: Brissa Page

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:42 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Themis Z. Glatman

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 05:52 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I have been promoting recycling and reusing of plastics for a long time. We have been delighted to see the new ordinance was introduced and passed for eateries to only give you plastic utensils upon request. The waste generated by this ecological disaster lingers on for years in the dump and in our Oceans. I just want to ask that this information NEEDS TO BE BETTER ADVERTISED to restaurants. Some of them are still in the dark about this law until I tell them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 06:03 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Saran K.

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 06:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Some plastic is a hazard even if it can be recycled but less so because recycled plastic can be reused. Other plastics harm life in many ways and that is already documented. Ban all plastic that can't be recycled NOW.

Communication from Public

Name: Neal Pardee
Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:08 PM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: Reduce plastic waste everywhere.

Communication from Public

Name: Cynthia Nelson

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 08:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

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Communication from Public

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Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Boyle

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 10:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: It's a bit of a mountain to climb, I understand, to change the way we do things. The way we use excessive amounts of plastic for example. It's convenient. It's easy. It's cheap. Only the damages it has been causing, it is causing, and will be causing are a very high price to pay, for our comfort. Please, the smaller actions toward a larger change can accumulate toward the place I hope we can arrive it. Safely. Thank you, Andrew Boyle

Communication from Public

Name: Kent Strumpell

Date Submitted: 02/14/2022 11:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I encourage LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. I strongly support: - an EPS foodware ban, - ending all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, - implementing the city department zero waste plan, - comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. And, I urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you