

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Meredith McCarthy

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am happy to see LA City taking initiative on plastic! We are drowning. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize the 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:** Nancy Shrodes

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:10 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 finalize the 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:** Jenna S.

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**Name:** Helen Tocco

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**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 02:02 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Valentine

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 02:03 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kelly Kelly

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ammie Grauten  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 09:30 AM  
**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council Members, I am commenting to urge the Los Angeles City Council to finalize the LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive plastics ordinance that includes: - EPS/Styrofoam ban - No exemptions on plastic bags ban - City department zero waste plan - Comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies Plastics not only create ocean waste and harm marine life, but the use of fossil fuels to create plastic also pollutes the environment. While many individuals make personal efforts to reduce their single-use plastic consumption, any significant change will need to come from our government officials to force corporations into compliance. Please use your authority in the City of Los Angeles to curb the use of single-use plastics. Thank you, Ammie Grauten Los Angeles, CA

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**Name:** Lendi Slover

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 11:35 AM

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**Name:** Wayne Pepper

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** David M Roderick

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**Name:** Emily Reuman

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**Name:** Madeline Rotman

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**Name:** Katherine Markova

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dick and Jill Henkel

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 08:09 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** LAURA ARIAS

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 08:36 AM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Haley Jain Haggerstone

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**Name:** Barbara Marrs

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**Name:** Victoria

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alison Boyle

**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2022 10:00 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

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**Name:** Mary

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**Name:** Tyler Wolfe

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ashley Blake

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 09:40 AM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** Urging the LA city council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive plastics ordinance that includes: an EPS ban, no exemptions on plastic bag bans, a city department zero waste plan, and comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 09:41 AM

**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, oceans, and wildlife. Due to the global pandemic and the increase of plastic, plastic is found everywhere, primarily in seafood, not only harming sea life but we eventually we eat the food, so the plastic is found in fish and in ourselves as well. 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 food ware 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 food ware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Thank you for your leadership.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ilona Piotrowska

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tara Barauskas

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy Hattala

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 10:43 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Climate Reality Project Los Angeles and its 1,226 members strongly approve of the city taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. We specifically advocate for the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, we are 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, we urge the LA City Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. We thank you for your leadership and continuous bold action to reduce plastic pollution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andy Hattala

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 10:50 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a conscientious citizen and environmental activist, specifically Co-Chair of The Climate Reality Project: Los Angeles Chapter with 1,226 members, I strongly approve of the city taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I specifically advocate for 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. I thank you for your leadership and continuous bold action to reduce plastic pollution.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maeve Murphy

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 09:20 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am encouraged that LA City is looking seriously at the critical issue of plastic, which is doing so much harm and causing blight in communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I urge 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. Meaningful plastic waste reduction requires a multi-pronged approach; therefore, I also strongly recommend the Council to consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. These are achievable, common-sense measures. Thank you for your leadership.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Kanowith-Klein

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 08:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am encouraged to see LA City taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I urge the LA City Council to finalize the 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 encourage 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:** Derek Pell

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:48 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge council to support council file 21-0064 regarding single use plastic. These short and long term strategies to reduce single use plastic and other waste from your city gives LA the opportunity to lead by example at your public facilities. I am a California resident and hope that the city of LA will be a leader in this space.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Simone Schmidt

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 05:17 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Nachazel-Ruck

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 05:40 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** My husband and I are happy to see LA City taking the initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. We encourage the LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, we 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, we 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:** Je-Show Yang

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## Communication from Public

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mikaela Randolph

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:59 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am happy to see the City of L.A. taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I encourage the L.A. City Council to finalize the recommendations and draft a comprehensive ordinance that addresses plastic reduction. Specifically, I am in support of an EPS food ware 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 Council to consider mandating resizable foodware for on-site dining and a fee on disposables. Lastly, I request providing technical assistance for businesses located in lower-income communities of color that may need additional support transitioning away from single use plastics. Thank you for your leadership.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** arielle sheres

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:01 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, I urge LA City Council to draft and implement a comprehensive plastics ordinance that includes EPS ban, no exemptions on plastic bag bans, city department zero waste plan and single-use plastic elimination strategies. Respectfully, Arielle Sheres

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Raj Dhillon

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 04:08 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly support recommendations stemming from the Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation's Comprehensive Plastic Reduction report. We need both short- and long-term strategies to reduce single-use plastic and other waste from our city, including opportunities to lead by example at our public facilities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annie Lopez

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heidi Sanborn

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The National Stewardship Action Council is a national 501c4 based in Sacramento that advocates for the U.S. to achieve a Circular Economy. We must provide citizens with opportunities to refill water bottles, and eliminate unnecessary use of single use non-recyclable products if we have any hope of achieving a truly Circular Economy, which means that we 1) design waste and pollution out of the system, 2) keep materials in motion (recycling) and 3) regenerate natural systems. The most important thing LA City can do as a very large City in the U.S. is to lead the country by designing waste and pollution out of the system withing its own operations. We strongly support the adoption of the recommendations stemming from the LA Bureau of Sanitation's Comprehensive Plastic Reduction report for which we were interviewed. Thank you for your leadership!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eva Cicoria

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:43 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please approve LA Sanitation's recommendations regarding actions to take to address the single-use, disposable plastic problem. As the founder of Paddle Out Plastic, a campaign to reduce plastic litter in aquatic environments, I see the dire need to attack the problem with source reduction. We recruit paddlers in kayaks and on standup paddle boards to clean up Southern California waterways, most frequently LA Harbor. Once we retrieve the litter, we sort, count, photograph, and log it into NOAA's list in the open data Marine Debris Tracker app. In 2021, we retrieved 75,647 pieces of litter from the water, nearly all various forms of plastic. Fully one-third was polystyrene pieces. Plastic bags and disposable food ware of various sorts dominate as well. We are paddling against a constant stream that, instead of abating, has been increasing, bringing more potential harm to wildlife, more to clean up later, more that will never be cleaned up. Moreover, without hasty, bold, intervention, petroleum and plastic industries will increase production, resulting in more GHG emissions and more harm to communities. The comment format does not allow me to include photos, but you are invited to seek out our social media posts to see what we are seeing on the water, week after week, and why we have taken on this Sisyphean task. We need your help to bring about upstream solutions. Find us on Facebook @Paddle Out Plastic, on Instagram @paddleoutplastic, and on Twitter @padleoutplastic. Eva Cicoria, Founder, Paddle Out Plastic

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Katherine Pease

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:43 PM

**Council File No:** 21-0064

**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Katherine Pease and I am a resident of CD 13. I am happy to see the City of LA taking initiative on the critical issue of plastic, which is harming communities, ecosystems, and wildlife. I encourage the LA City Council to finalize the 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:** Shani

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi, I urge LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's recommendations and draft a comprehensive plastics ordinance that includes: An EPS (styrofoam) ban No exemptions on plastic bag band A city Dept zero waste plan A comprehensive single use plastic reduction strategy. Thank you, Shani

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rod Moore

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miriam Gordon  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 02:43 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Upstream is a national non-profit organization that works on solutions to plastic pollution that focus on eliminating waste at the source (upstream) so it doesn't have to be managed at end of life (downstream). Please accept these comments.



February 15, 2022

Los Angeles City Council

**RE: City Council Agenda Item 28: Reduction of Single-Use Plastics- SUPPORT and recommend reuse for onsite dining become an immediate priority**

Dear Honorable Council Members:

On behalf of Upstream, I writing to commend the collaborative leadership between the Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice and River Committee and LA Sanitation and Environment in their efforts to identify policies to reduce plastics pollution. The policies outlined in the November 2021 report are far-reaching and comprehensive in scope. By far, the policies that focus on transitioning from single-use to reusable foodware as reusables in foodservice will provide the greatest overall environmental and economic benefits to the City and to its business operators. We write today to ask that the Council prioritize this policy measure. We are part of the Reusable LA Coalition and have signed on to that letter in support of the polystyrene ban and the plastic bag ordinance fix as well. But we also wanted to provide this additional information as supporting evidence as to the rationale for moving the reuse for onsite dining to a short term, immediate policy solution.

**The Cost and Waste Reduction Potential for a Reusable Onsite Dining Policy**

We know from conducting waste and cost assessments in other cities, that full-service restaurants usually already use mostly reusable foodware for dine-in, so limiting the reuse requirement to full-service restaurants would have a very small impact. But expanding the policy to include all food service restaurants in the County would provide significant cost and waste benefits.

Attached hereto is a waste and cost assessment that Reusable San Mateo County has performed for Redwood City. The assessment reviewed all 244 restaurants in Redwood City and found that fine dining / full service restaurants use mostly reusable food service ware already. The largest users of disposable food service ware are fast food restaurants, and cafe/bakey/snack servers. While fast casual uses a mix of both disposable and reusable. *A reuse for onsite dining policy in Redwood City would save full service restaurants no money, but it would save fast food restaurants over \$8,000 per restaurant per year, fast casual \$4600 per restaurant per year, and cafe/bakery/snack \$4300 per year. The policy would save all 244 Redwood City restaurants \$743,224 per year, an average savings of \$5,115 per restaurant. These costs are net, after purchasing reusables and accounting for dishwashing and operational changes, based on assessments conducted by ReThink Disposable ([www.rethinkdisposable.org](http://www.rethinkdisposable.org)).*

In addition, the waste savings from this policy approach are greater than any other policy proposed because reusables eliminate waste at the source. When a single-use product, plastic or otherwise, is replaced by a reusable, it eliminates products from the waste stream. In the Redwood City analysis, the average waste reduction per restaurant per year would be 1600 lbs. Overall 393,714 pounds of waste and 26,090,710 food service items would be eliminated from the waste stream.

The City currently lists over 7,000 restaurants as active in the City of Los Angeles.<sup>1</sup> Using the Redwood City cost and waste model, at 1,600 pounds per restaurant, **the potential waste reduction impacts in LA City would be 11,200,000 pounds per year.** Using the average savings per restaurant in Redwood City of \$5,115 as a guide, **the net cost savings for LA City restaurants would be \$36,805,000.**

The technical assistance program, ReThink Disposable, has worked with 260 restaurants in California (from full service, to fast casual, to cafes, to fast food, to institutional dining – e.g. all kinds of dining facilities) to help them transition to reuse for onsite dining. They have demonstrated overwhelming success in achieving net cost savings, waste reduction, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions.<sup>2</sup> These savings are extremely timely as businesses manage recovery from the pandemic, especially fast casual operations managed by our most vulnerable communities. The findings are overwhelming that transitioning to reuse for onsite dining is financially beneficial, to all kinds of food service operations, and also reduces the quantity of waste that local jurisdictions must pay to manage.

### **Precedent for this policy**

This requirement has been enacted in nine other California jurisdictions, with no exclusions for fast casual and fast food facilities.<sup>3</sup> Fast food restaurants can meet this requirement, as demonstrated by the franchise operator of a McDonalds in Berkeley which is in compliance without a need for exemptions or waivers for “undue hardship.”<sup>4</sup> In other jurisdictions, CEQA considerations have resulted primarily in negative impact and categorical exemption declarations. That is because the vast majority of life cycle analyses and other environmental assessments find that reusables are better than disposables by every environmental measure.<sup>5</sup>

In light of the evidence that transitioning to reuse is good for the planet and for business bottom line, and since foodware is particularly hard to recycle and compost and managing

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<sup>1</sup> <https://data.lacity.org/A-Prosperous-City/Restaurants-Active-LA/6hb7-3458>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.rethinkdisposable.org/businesses>. See also, [Reuse Wins](#), Upstream Solutions.

<sup>3</sup> These jurisdictions include: Arcata, Berkeley, Culver City, Daly City, Fairfax, Half Moon Bay, San Anselmo, Santa Rosa, Palm Springs. Similar policies are being considered in Marin County, San Francisco, Pacifica, Redwood City and elsewhere. Upstream tracks these policies at <https://upstreamolutions.org/policytracker>

<sup>4</sup> Information provided by the City of Berkeley.

<sup>5</sup> See [UNEP LCAs](#), the [Luskin Report on Plastic Waste in LA County](#), and [Reuse Wins](#), Upstream Solutions.

packaging waste is costly to the City, we see no reason for the City to fail to prioritize this policy for short term- action.

Upstream greatly appreciates the leadership of the City Council on these challenging issues. We look forward to continued collaboration to help the City meet its goals for reducing waste and plastic pollution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Miriam F. Gordon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Miriam F. Gordon  
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[miriam@upstreamolutions.org](mailto:miriam@upstreamolutions.org)

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Luke Ginger

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