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Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 12:46 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: GIVE US OUR LAND BACK STOP THE HORDS FROM
LITTERING IN THE GUTTER WE LOVE LOVE THOUGH
LETS DO IT THROUGH GUIDANCE

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Name: cheryl auger

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 06:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please finally pass legislation to: 1 Prohibit the manufacturing, sale, and use of styrofoam for all businesses immediately 2 Lift all exemptions on the plastic bag ban and require stores to sell reuseable bags in lieu of plastic bags for people who forget to bring their own 3 Adopt policies for LA City offices, operations, departments, and events that prohibit single-use plastic and styrofoam and mandates reuseables 4 Implement comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies throughout the city to focus on miscellaneous nuisance plastic destined to be a pollutant 5 Allow and encourage all residents to bring their own containers and disallow the Department of Public Health's ability to override this ability. The DPH has used Covid as an excuse to disallow Californians their rights to bring their own containers through AB 619 for too long while knowing covid is not transmitted through surfaces. The public health charade has to stop for the sake of the planet. thanks, Cheryl Auger

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Name: Jillian Marshall

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 07:55 AM

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Name: Steven Vine

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 08:16 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please approve the recommendation to pass a comprehensive plastic reduction ordinance this year

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Name: Gabriele Morgan

Date Submitted: 02/15/2022 02:36 PM

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Name: Emily Parker

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Comments for Public Posting: As a community activist, environmentalist, and avid ocean user, 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 strong support of an polystyrene foodware ban, lifting all exemptions on the plastic bag ban, implementing the city department zero waste plan, shifting away from disposable plastics and towards reusable ones, and any and all 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: Katherine Pease
Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 09:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please find attached Heal the Bay's comment letter. Thank you.



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February 16, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St.
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Dear Honorable LA City Councilmembers:

Heal the Bay is an environmental nonprofit organization dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds of greater L.A. safe, healthy, and clean. We are writing to offer our strong support for Agenda Item 28 (Council File 21-0064) on the February 16 LA City Council agenda and we urge the City of LA to move forward on developing a comprehensive ordinance to tackle plastic pollution that harms communities, ecosystems, and wildlife.

Heal the Bay is a leading member of the Reusable LA Coalition (RULA) and we support the comment letter that was submitted by the coalition. We echo the requests made in that letter and urge LA City to:

- Address plastic pollution reduction through source reduction
- Prioritize an immediate (short-term) transition from disposable to reusable foodware items for on-site dining at food facilities
 - Implement a fee on disposable foodware items for on-site dining
- Ban expanded polystyrene (EPS) in foodware items
- Implement comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies
- Coordinate with County of LA and other cities to ensure consistency across jurisdictions for similar ordinances

As many LA City Councilmembers have stated in public address, it is high time for this city to act as a leader and to tackle plastic pollution. Plastics are not only choking our natural ecosystems, but pollute our communities at all stops. Angelenos are ready to make the needed changes and shift away from disposable plastics. Heal the Bay looks forward to continuing our collaborative work with the City of LA and LA Sanitation and the Environment on this and other policies in order to ensure protection of natural resources and community health for all of Los Angeles. Thank you for your leadership and the opportunity to comment

Sincerely,

Emily Parker
Coastal & Marine Scientist

Katherine Pease, PhD
Director of Science & Policy

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Name: CJ O'Brien

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 09:48 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Oceana commends the Los Angeles City Council for taking action on the plastic pollution crisis and urges the Council to draft a comprehensive ordinance to address plastic reduction. Oceana recommends that this ordinance ban expanded polystyrene (EPS) foodware, lift all exceptions on the plastic bag ban, implement the city department zero waste plan, and enact comprehensive single-use plastic reduction strategies. In addition, the Council should consider mandating reusable foodware for on-site dining and include a fee on disposables. As the largest international advocacy organization dedicated solely to ocean conservation, Oceana works to advance science-based policies to reduce single-use plastics and protect our oceans at the national, state, and local level. Thirty-three billion pounds of plastic enter the ocean every year. This is roughly equivalent to dumping two garbage trucks full of plastic into the ocean every minute. If nothing changes, the amount of plastic entering the ocean is projected to triple by 2040. Plastics are a threat to vital marine ecosystems and human health and place a financial burden on communities for cleanup and disposal. In California alone, local jurisdictions spend \$420 million annually in efforts to clean up and prevent plastic and other waste from entering the oceans and waterways. Taking comprehensive local action to reduce single-use plastic is an important step in tackling the plastic pollution crisis. We thank the LA City Council for your leadership on reducing unnecessary single-use plastic. The time to take action on the plastics crisis is now. Sincerely, CJ O'Brien Oceana Plastics Campaign Associate

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Name: Meghan Arlen

Date Submitted: 02/16/2022 07:08 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi there. I want to urge the council to take drastic steps towards plastic reduction in the restaurant/take-out sphere. Please take action to ban the use of styrofoam and plastic bags in Los Angeles (REALLY ban- I still see them everywhere- stores still using them, and even thicker ones). There are other, less harmful and more biodegradable products that can suit the same purpose for take-out containers, and LA is too large of a city to be taking in so much plastic waste/trash needlessly. Also- recycling centers- WE NEED MORE IN LA!!! Too many closed over the past 5 years, and they help those disadvantaged make ends meet, as well as keep recyclables out of our landfills. Thank you for considering this comment.

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Name: Alexia

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi all, My question is.. although I used to be against it, why don't our public actors vote in favor of regulating more homeless encampments?

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Name: Kevin McCarthy

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge LA City Council to finalize LA Sanitation's reccos and draft a comprehensive plastics ordinance that includes EPS ban, no exemptions on plastic bag bans, city department zero waste, and comprehensive single use plastic reduction strategies. Now is the time to move forward with strong support for the health of our city and planet.