

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Newton

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 06:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Hello & thank you for reading my public comment. I am very concerned about the amount of single use plastic we use in this city! We need regulation to reinforce the most sustainable habits that we can. It's really a no brainer to limit the disposable plastic that is routinely given but often never even used once. We must design waste out of our communities! Save money! Save our health! Save the Earth! Please pass the legislation to curb plastic waste! Sincerely, Eric Newton

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer Peterson
Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 06:46 PM
Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA Councilmembers, I support LA City Plastic Ban initiatives! Please help ban single use plastic. The flood of plastic is one of the climate catastrophes of our time. It's in our air, our water, and our bodies. But with the right leadership, we have the chance to help stop the damage. Compared to the challenge of global warming, this is easier to fix: just ban it! Ban SUP (Single Use Plastics), a group formed to bring awareness to the plastic crisis and support legislation to ban single use plastics supports the L.A City Councilmembers' resolution declaring the city's support for implementing the groundbreaking recommendations of the California Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets & Curbside Recycling, as well as several pending bills that align with those recommendations. CF 21-0064
(https://clkrep.lacity.org/online/docs/2021/21-0064_misc_3-30-22.pdf)
The Commission, formed in 2020 to examine California's massive recycling system to date has released 34 policy recommendations that were unanimously approved. These include: 1. Prohibit non-compatible, harmful shrink sleeve labels ? PETG shrink sleeves clog PET reprocessing machinery ? Full body labels prevent correct sortation of PET & HDPE bottles, causing those and entrained bottles to be wasted. 2. Prohibit combined metal-plastic components (lids) ? Sortation problem & harms plastic reprocessing equipment 3. Require only clear PET bottles ? Negligible value for green, blue, brown PET. ? Beverage companies have used only clear PET in Japan since 2001. ? South Korea passed law for only clear PET bottles 4. Create Zero Waste City Facilities and City Sponsored Events 5. Ban Expanded Polystyrene Foam (EPS) 6. Ban Single-Use Plastic Bags and Cups 7. Ban Disposal of Textiles 8. Create Additional Policies for Consideration to include fossil fuel/tobacco divestment While the State Legislature has acted on some of these recommendations, the Councilmembers pressed for much more aggressive and urgent work to make statewide recycling more successful. "The world is drowning in plastic pollution that is destroying the marine environment and fouling California neighborhoods," said Councilmember Krekorian. "For decades the petrochemical industry has enriched itself at the expense of the planet by pushing single-use plastics and promoting the myth of plastics recycling. This false narrative gives consumers comfort in using more plastic, when in fact only five percent of all of the plastic ever produced has been recycled. California needs to encourage more recycling of metal, glass and paper, and it needs to stop fueling the wishful thinking that most plastics are recyclable in the real world. They are not." "The plastics industry has been trying to dupe us about recycling ever since the days of the so-called 'Crying Indian' commercial," said Councilmember Paul Koretz. "It's time to stop the shell game, stop labeling items as diverted from landfill when that is ultimately their destination, and save

our cities millions of dollars from having to process contaminated blue bins." Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 08:57 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am a mom and LA resident strongly in support of this motion to help phase out single-use plastics. We need to reduce waste, the fossil fuels used to produce all this waste, and microplastics that are damaging our oceans. I recently read that microplastics in the ocean may be speeding up the warming of the ocean, contributing even further to the climate crisis. (See NYT article: <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/04/03/science/ocean-plastic-animals.html?searchResultPosition=2>). Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Michael schodorf

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 09:11 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am a registered voter in the 10th district of LA and am very concerned about LA's continued use and acceptance of expanded polystyrene, aka styrofoam. This is an outdated single use material that will have lasting negative effects on our environment for generations beyond ours. There are ample affordable alternatives, and an immediate need for Los Angeles to be a leader in banning this horribly wasteful and harmful material from our city, keeping it out of our waterways, out of our landfills and off our streets. Please do the right thing and ban expanded polystyrene. Sincerely, Michael Schodorf

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Craven

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 03:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: This is SO IMPORTANT! Plastic pollution is a disaster--we must act! As a mom and longtime Los Angeles resident (I live in CD1) I desperately want this to pass. Please support!

Communication from Public

Name: Cheryl Auger

Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 08:14 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of Ban SUP (Single Use Plastics), a group with over 250 members focused on bringing awareness to the plastic crisis and supporting plastic legislation, and other like-minded organizations and individuals with similar concerns, this letter is being submitted in support of L.A. City Councilmembers' resolution declaring the City's support for implementing the groundbreaking recommendations of the California Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets & Curbside Recycling, as well as several pending bills that align with those recommendations, CF 21-0064. We appreciate that the Councilmembers have pressed for these aggressive initiatives to make recycling more successful and help reduce L.A. City's pollution. We also appreciate the urgency of the timeline, and the important message this sends about the reality of plastic recycling. The statements made by two City Councilmembers clearly express that our recycling process is not only broken, it is non-existent and damaging to every aspect of life on earth and we wholeheartedly agree. We need more truth and transparency to product materials and recycling processes and support LA City Councils efforts to start working on this immediately in earnest. The 53 individuals and Organizations in the attached document are in support of CF 21-0064.



The Last
Beach Cleanup



April 6, 2022

Dear L.A. City Councilmembers,

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The Commission, formed in 2020 to examine California's massive recycling system has released 34 policy recommendations that were unanimously approved. These include:

1. Prohibit non-compatible, harmful shrink sleeve labels to improve recycling material quality
2. Prohibit combined metal-plastic components (lids) to enable recycling of lids
3. Require only clear PET bottles to improve ability to market after recycling pellets

4. Create Zero Waste City Facilities and City Sponsored Events to reduce waste from events
5. Ban Expanded Polystyrene Foam (EPS) which is not recyclable in the State of California
6. Ban Single-Use Plastic Bags and Cups which are not recycled in the State of California
7. Ban Disposal of Textiles for reuse of material
8. Create Additional Policies for Consideration to include fossil fuel/tobacco divestment

We appreciate that the Councilmembers have pressed for these **aggressive** initiatives to make recycling more successful and help reduce L.A. City's pollution. We also appreciate the **urgency** of the timeline, and the important message this sends about the reality of plastic recycling.

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"The world is drowning in plastic pollution that is destroying the marine environment and fouling California neighborhoods," said Councilmember Krekorian. "For decades the petrochemical industry has enriched itself at the expense of the planet by pushing single-use plastics and promoting the myth of plastics recycling. This false narrative gives consumers comfort in using more plastic, when in fact only five percent of all of the plastic ever produced has been recycled. California needs to encourage more recycling of metal, glass and paper, and it needs to stop fueling the wishful thinking that most plastics are recyclable in the real world. They are not."

And,

Councilmember Paul Koretz. "It's time to stop the shell game, stop labeling items as diverted from landfill when that is ultimately their destination, and save our cities millions of dollars from having to process contaminated blue bins."

We need more truth and transparency to product materials and recycling processes and support LA City Councils efforts to start working on this immediately in earnest. We the undersigned are in support of CF 21-0064.

Sincerely,

Name	Organization & Title if Applicable	Zip Code
Cheryl Auger	Ban SUP, President	91105
Jennifer Ho	NA	91214
Andy Hattala	Co-Chair, The Climate Reality Project: Los Angeles Chapter	90095
Juan Moralez	NA	90032
Helena Hill	California State University, Northridge	91103
Ellen Finkelpearl	Scripps College	91104
Foster Wilson	NA	90039
Joseph Weinberger	Individual	90042
Cynthia Cannady	NA	90068
Analisa Swan	NA	91504
Elizabeth Elder	Ban SUP	91107
Shelley Powsner	Not specified	91214
Jackie Nuñez	Founder, The Last Plastic Straw	95060
Suzanne M Goldberg	NA	91011
Una Jost	Ban SUP Refill, Supporter	91107
Sarah Eggers	NA	91104
Thomas Dickey	NA	91101
Therese Brummel	Transition Pasadena	91104
Pilar Reynaldo	NA	90042
Tom Brady	Californians Against Waste	91105
Donielle Lemone	NA	91296
Dave Guttman	NA	90039
Alicia Westgerdes	NA	90043
John Doyle	Doyle for City Council Pasadena 2024	91107
Emily Fernandez	NA	90032
Martin Bourque	Ecology Center	94702
Pamela L Dreyfuss	NA	90039-2606
Lupe Vela	Resident, Highland Park	90042

Name	Organization & Title if Applicable	Zip Code
Laurie Crogan	NA	90046
Noel J McCarthy	NA	90042
Jan Dell	The Last Beach Cleanup	92629
Anita Ghazarian	Environmental Lead, Indivisible Alta Pasadena	91001
Misch Anderson	NA	91024
Sheila Swift	NA	91104
Greg Apodaca	Community 2.0	91001
Wendy Legacki	350 Southland Leg committee	90065
Stephanie Brown	NA	95124
Andrew Reich	NA	90004
Kristine Karnos	OCI environmental justice	95124
Amy L Wright	NA	94024
Diana Nall Browne	NA	93510
Eric Newton	Zero waste representative, universal waste systems	90019
Kristine Kimmel	NA	91208
Chris Peck	Urban Ecology Project	91101
Alyssa Bell	NELA Climate Collective	90065
Tanner Glenn	LA Forward	11206
Rebecca Helm	NA	90065
Dr. Leslie Klein	Family Practice Physician	90027
Amie Serio	NA	91506
Elise Irving	NA	90065
Amy Woodson-Boulton	Indivisible CA-33, Steering Committee	90403
Robert J Haw	Habitable Designs, proprietor	91001
Jessica Craven	Elected member of LACDP	90065

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Reich

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 04:43 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion and urge the Council to pass it. Plastic pollution is a problem on many levels. It is a fossil fuel product, it pollutes our environment, it causes greenhouse gas emissions, and it endangers our wildlife.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 08:39 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support this motion: a broad sweeping plastic ban including phasing out expanded polystyrene, banning sales of water bottles unless refillable, allowing people to bring their own containers, having zero waste facilities and events, etc. We are in a climate crisis and that plastic impacts the climate crisis both in its fossil fuel consumption and its greenhouse gas emissions and that plastics have an enormous impact on the wildlife and the environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Reusable LA

Date Submitted: 04/06/2022 04:47 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please find Reusable LA's support letter attached. Thank you.

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April 6, 2022

Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: April 7, 2022 Los Angeles City Council Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice & River (ECCEJR) Committee Agenda Item #9

Submitted electronically via <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=21-0064>

Honorable Chair O'Farrell and Committee Members:

Reusable LA, a coalition of over 30 local organizations working to fight plastic pollution in Los Angeles, commends the collaborative leadership between the ECCEJR Committee and LA Sanitation on plastic pollution reduction measures and their dedication to solving the City's waste problems. The recommended policies outlined in the March 2022 Report on Various Motions on the Reduction of Single-Use Plastics and Zero Waste Events and Facilities (CF 21-0064) are far-reaching and comprehensive in scope. **We would like to express our strong support for these policies, particularly those focused on source reduction and reusable alternatives, as they will result in multifold benefits to both our environment and economy.**

It's crucial that we phase out single-use plastic pollution at its source as soon as possible. Throughout the entire lifecycle of plastics, human health is jeopardized. Extraction and refining for the fossil fuels needed to make plastics contribute to air pollution and climate change and disproportionately impact vulnerable communities. Once in consumer hands, plastics leach harmful toxins into our food and bodies that are known endocrine disruptors, cause birth defects, and are even carcinogenic. At the end of life, plastic is rarely recycled and continues to pollute either at incineration facilities, in landfills, or in the natural environment. We must listen to science and phase-out single use plastics all together.

Reusable foodware and reuse systems continue to be the safest and most responsible choice for our communities and environment. After ten long years of effort, we are thrilled to see the City making significant progress towards reducing plastic pollution and safeguarding our community. **Reusable LA strongly encourages this committee to vote in support of all the LA Sanitation recommendations, including the immediate implementation of the following measures:**

- 1) Ordinance development for the City-wide expanded polystyrene (EPS) ban, CEQA review, and beginning implementation of a ban on EPS food ware at City-sponsored events;

2) Ordinance development and workshops supporting Zero Waste at City departments and events, development, and implementation; and

3) Expansion of the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

In addition to these recommendations from LA Sanitation, we also strongly encourage the Committee to consider adding additional recommendations for the full council based on recent actions by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors. This past Tuesday, April 5th, the LA County BOS voted yes on an ordinance that would ban Expanded Polystyrene foodware, require reusables for dine in at full-service restaurants, and require all single-use foodware to be either recyclable or compostable. We recognize that some of these provisions are already being explored by the City, however, **we strongly recommend that the ECCEJR committee expedite recommendations to the city council to draft an ordinance that would, at the minimum, require reusables for dine in at food facilities.**

Switching to reusable options is widely considered the most effective method to reducing plastic pollution and was cited in the UCLA Luskin Center report as the best solution to the problem of plastic pollution and waste associated with single-use disposables in Los Angeles. Requiring reusable foodware for on-site dining is one of the best tools available to benefit our environment and communities by reducing pollution, while also benefiting businesses by providing cost savings. Case studies at hundreds of restaurants and food facilities across the state have shown that switching to reusables is overwhelmingly successful in achieving net cost savings upwards of \$20,000 annually, waste reduction, and greenhouse gas emissions reductions. Similar policies to this Ordinance have already been passed in over 150 jurisdictions across the state and, with proper outreach and support, small businesses have easily come into compliance. Many restaurants in Los Angeles are already putting these requirements into practice and, when doing so, experience cost savings and customer satisfaction. With increasing prices for disposable plastic products looming and affordable alternatives readily available, it makes sense to align with the County of Los Angeles and move forward immediately with a reuse for dine in ordinance.

Reusable LA has been an active stakeholder in the processes of both the City and County of Los Angeles to enact strong and effective legislation to protect our communities against toxic pollution associated with single-use plastics. We strongly support LA Sanitation's recommendations to the City Council and urge the Committee to vote yes today in support of these recommendations. Thank you for your leadership on this incredibly important issue and please know that Reusable LA emphatically supports this committee's work and will provide support any way we can.

Gratefully,
The Reusable LA Coalition

Communication from Public

Name: Luciano Alcorta, Malbec Argentinian Restaurant
Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 08:54 AM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: Malbec Argentinian Restaurant Letter of Support for 21-0064 attached



Honorable Councilmembers,

I commend the collaborative leadership between the ECCEJR Committee and LASAN on plastic pollution reduction and its dedication on solving the City's waste problems. The recommended policies outlined in the March 2022 REPORT ON VARIOUS MOTIONS ON THE REDUCTION OF SINGLE- USE PLASTICS AND ZERO WASTE EVENTS AND FACILITIES (CF 21-0064) 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.

I strongly encourage you to vote in support the immediate implantation of the following measures:

- 1) Ordinance development for the City-wide expanded polystyrene (EPS) ban, CEQA review, and beginning implementation of a ban on EPS food ware at City-sponsored events;
- 2) Ordinance development and workshops supporting Zero Waste at City departments and events, development, and implementation; and
- 3) Expansion of the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

Negative impacts of plastic pollution jeopardize human health and the environment.

Every year, In the U.S., we use 561 billion disposable foodware items and in turn creates 4.9 million tons of waste. Now is the time for LA CITY to lead on this issue, the false barriers preventing change are manufactured by the fossil fuels and plastics industries.

Los Angeles must fight their tired narrative that we can individually pick up litter and recycle our way to healthier communities -- instead we must listen to science, which tells us that we need to phase-out single use plastics and focus on reusables in order to impart true change.

Throughout the whole lifecycle of plastics, human health is jeopardized. From the toxicity of Polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) - toxic class of chemicals - commonly found in take-out containers to the toxic chemical styrene leaching out of foam containers and coffee cups. Plastics leach harmful toxins into our foods and bodies and are known to be endocrine disruptors, cause birth defects, and shocking scientific studies have recently found the presence of nano-plastics in human placenta. Together we must listen to science and phase-out single use plastics, together. Reusable foodware continues to be the safest and most responsible choice for our communities and 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.

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..." The report advises policy makers to choose to replace disposable foodware with reusables.

Reuse saves food business operators like myself money. 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. And the potential savings for business and local government from reduced waste to manage would be enormous.

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

Sincerely,
Luciano Alcorta
Malbec Argentinian Restaurant

Communication from Public

Name: Moriah Radin

Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 09:03 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a mother, a lawyer, a concerned citizen and Los Angeles resident who is really worried about single use plastic pollution. I strongly support this motion and want the council to pass it! Thanks!

Communication from Public

Name: Jason Kaplan, Maury's Bagels
Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 09:03 AM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: Maury's Bagels, Support for 21-0064

April 4, 2021

RE: Food Service Operator in Support of YES Vote for the Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance

Dear Honorable Councilmembers,

As a local Los Angeles based restaurant owner/operator, I am deeply concerned about the increasing distribution and associated costs of wasteful disposable foodware. We support the Reduction of Waste from Single-Use Articles and Expanded Polystyrene Products ordinance and urge you to vote in favor.

We already use compostable plastics or packaging exclusively, and we hope more businesses will see the value in making this choice. Doing so will bring down the cost for these items.

In the meantime, we put our money where our mouth is. The time of senselessly tossing single use items in the ocean MUST END.

I strongly support a plastic foodware ordinance that would require reusables for onsite dining, ban polystyrene foodware, and require reusable and compostable disposable foodware products. I urge you to vote yes and support small businesses like mine across the county.

Sincerely,
Jason Kaplan
Maury's Bagels

Communication from Public

Name: Laurissa Gold

Date Submitted: 04/07/2022 10:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am Los Angeles resident and a parent and I am very worried about single use plastic pollution. We are in a growing climate crisis and plastic exacerbates the problem due to its fossil fuel consumption and its greenhouse gas emissions. Single use plastic production and use will have long lasting, negative impact on the wildlife and our environment. We need to make a change now. I strongly support this motion and want the council to pass it. Thank you.