

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear President Krekorian and Members of the Los Angeles City Council, The National Stewardship Action Council (NSAC) is a 501(c)(4) non-profit organization comprised of governments, non-government organizations, businesses, and consumers with the vision for the United States to attain a circular and equitable economy, an economic system aimed at eliminating waste and ensuring the circular use of resources. The first tenant of how we achieve a circular and equitable economy is to reduce waste and pollution at the source, which is exactly what the ordinance banning polystyrene will do. That is why NSAC strongly supports the City of Los Angeles' Prohibition of Distribution and Sale of Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance which will prohibit the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products commonly referred to under the trade name Styrofoam. Plastic pollution is choking our waterways and oceans, and negatively impacting the health of humans and wildlife. The California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989, created by AB 939 (Sher), established the waste management hierarchy with source reduction first, then recycling and composting. It is imperative that we reduce single use plastics from the market now and move to sustainable alternatives. NSAC's Executive Director, Heidi Sanborn, was one of 25 individuals that negotiated the language for SB 54 (Allen): The Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act, which is the country's most comprehensive Extended Producer Responsibility legislation that was signed into law on June 30, 2022. The law creates a de facto ban on expanded polystyrene food service ware, by requiring a minimum recycling rate of 25% by January 1, 2025. During the negotiations, NSAC insisted that local governments not be preempted from taking immediate action to create local solutions, which includes the ability to pass ordinances banning polystyrene and other materials. Heidi Sanborn was also elected Chair of, the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling, which was comprised of 17 experts in the materials management sector representing local governments, waste haulers and recyclers, and environmental non-governmental organizations that determined polystyrene is not truly recyclable. NSAC strongly encourages that the City of Los Angeles Councilmembers use their local authority to ban this material, which contaminates

recyclables and increases costs.

November 7, 2022

The Honorable Paul Krekorian, President  
Los Angeles City Council  
200 North Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Subject: Prohibition of Sale of Expanded Polystyrene Products Ordinance (Item #21-0064) - SUPPORT**

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Sincerely,



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