

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: - Sales of Dry Cleaners in large cities have not recovered from the pandemic. 30% of cleaners have gone out of business as a result. Any additional burden right now would be VERY difficult to handle. - ALL businesses currently experiencing severe labor shortages and eliminating single-use plastic would require more labor. - High inflation costs & materials shortages continue, making it very difficult to be profitable - No VIABLE alternatives We have some reusable "bags", but many customers don't want them (pricey, bulky, non-see through) - If customers forget reusables, new ones are \$7 to \$10 each - Reusables don't hold-up well in cleaning or washing, so clean items are put into bags that previously held soiled garments (often containing dander, fur, oils, etc.) - Reusables take up greater amounts of storage space - Reusables do not work on automatic or semiautomatic "bagging" machines

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear CouncilMembers I strongly support limiting single-use plastic bags at farmers markets, dry cleaners as reusable alternatives are available and we must refrain from any further reliance on single-use plastics. Dry Cleaners should be a part of this as well because similar to their reuse programs for iron hangers, we believe the next step forward would be to have reusable dry cleaning bags that allow customers to benefit the same way as their hanger reuse system. In addition, I request that my dry cleaners no longer provide single-use plastic bags on my orders and many others are following suit after my posting on social media. Many people did not know this was even an option. So, at the very least, dry cleaners should be required to give customers the option to have plastic or not. The opt-in default is often the first step toward creating a shift in cultural norms as many times these are "habits of waste" we don't see anymore as we are so accustomed to them. Thank you, Sheila Morovati
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