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Attached is a petition with signatures from Neighborhood Church Members and Saturday's Moving Planet participants that have been collected in support of a ban on single use plastic bags.

The Public Hearing notices I received states that all comment etc must be submitted by Sunday Sept 2. I was hoping to continue with the collection of signatures with a large push at Sunday services and would like to submit the signatures on Monday morning if possible.

We would be using the same petition and this would simply be additional signatures. Is it possible to drop the additional sheets off on Monday morning? If I do not see you this afternoon would you call me and let me know?

Joe Pardee

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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Pardee". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

**The 7TH Principle Environmental Action Group of
Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church
Political Action Committee Working Group**

SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAG BAN

September 2011

The undersigned members and friends of Neighborhood Church want to ask the City of Pasadena to join with us and with the environmental community in supporting a ban on single use plastic bags provided by stores and markets throughout the city.

Whereas: These single use plastic bags have an extremely detrimental effect on our environment. Their affect is far reaching, much more than simply creating waste and litter. They wind up in waterways and many eventually end up in the ocean where they break down into smaller and smaller pieces of plastic but do not decompose into simpler compounds and return to earth's environmental cycle.

Whereas: These plastic bags and their smaller remnants are mistaken for food by much of the aquatic life and consequently are devastating to these populations.

Whereas: Even the bags that do not make it to the ocean have been found to be dangerous to animals and birds on land. One photo from an environmental group is that of a tortoise with a plastic bag protruding from its mouth. Fortunately the tortoise was rescued by that group and the bag removed but this is an exception rather than the rule and most of these animals die an agonizing slow death.

Therefore: We request that the Council members vote to support aquatic and wild life and a sustainable earth by voting for a ban on single use plastic bags and the charging of a fee for paper bags to promote the use of reusable bags for transporting goods from store to home.

We the undersigned members of Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church and of the community of the earth request this action for the protection of the environment and in support of a sustainable earth.

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Mayor Bill Bogaard and Councilmembers
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Via Email: uschmidt@cityofpasadena.net

RE: Support of Proposed Single-use Bag Ordinance and Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report for the Ordinance to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags in the City of Pasadena

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Councilmembers:

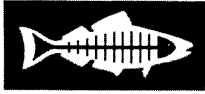
On behalf of Heal the Bay I write in strong support of the proposed Single-use Bag Ordinance and Addendum to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags released dated September 19, 2011. The elements of the proposed ordinance, which closely resemble the County of Los Angeles Ordinance, offer a comprehensive approach to address single-use bag pollution and will deter consumption of all single-use bags distributed at the point of sale at supermarkets, large retail pharmacies, food marts, farmer's markets and city events. In addition, the proposed ordinance supports the City's adopted Green City Action Plan goals of conserving energy and natural resources, reducing the volume of landfill waste, reducing litter, protecting the watershed, and helping promote a clean and sustainable environment.

We support the Addendum to the Environmental Impact Report to Ban Plastic Carryout Bags. We believe that the proposed ordinance will not result in any negative environmental impacts, as it will actually lead to an increase in the use of reusable bags that are a more sustainable alternative to single-use bags. The cost associated with paper bags should avoid an increase in their usage. Thus we agree with staff's conclusion that there will be less than significant impacts. In fact if anything, the Addendum errs on the conservative side and evaluates impacts that would be nonexistent with the implementation of the proposed ordinance.

Plastic bags are the most ubiquitous consumer item designed to last for minutes but persist in our marine environment for hundreds of years. Approximately 60 to 80% of all marine debris and 90% of floating debris is plastic and comes from mostly land-based sources.¹ This plastic pollution poses a persistent threat to marine life. Over 267 species worldwide have been impacted by plastic litter.²

¹ M. Gordon (2006) "Eliminating Land-based Discharges of Marine Debris in California: A Plan of Action from The Plastic Debris Project;" Prepared by the California Coastal Commission (Available at: www.plasticdebris.org/CA_Action_Plan_2006.pdf).

² D.W. Laist (1997) "Impacts of marine debris: entanglement of marine life in marine debris including a comprehensive list of species with entanglement and ingestion records" In Coe, J.M., Rogers, D.B. (Eds.), *Marine Debris—Sources, Impacts, and Solutions*: Springer-Verlag, New York, 99-139.



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Los Angeles County residents use an estimated 6 billion single-use plastic bags every year. As proven by failed attempts throughout the state, we cannot recycle our way out of this problem and urgent action is needed to help reduce this pollution. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of single-use plastic bags are currently being recycled.³ The rest of these bags inevitably end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and make their way to our waterways and ocean.

The cleanup of litter from single-use bags puts an additional strain on our economy. One study has estimated that the taxpayer cost to subsidize the recycling, collection, and disposal of plastic and paper bags could amount to as much as 17 cents per bag.⁴ This figure does not include the additional costs that local governments incur annually for cleaning littered streets, streams, beaches and installing trash control devices to comply with total maximum daily load limits (TMDLs) for trash under the Clean Water Act. Also, plastic bags can clog catch basin inserts and screens thereby increasing local flood risks.

The City of Pasadena has a critical role to play in becoming a true leader in eliminating plastic bag waste and preventing the proliferation of plastic pollution in our communities. The passage of the proposed Ordinance will be a major step in breaking our addiction to single-use bags.

Thank you for your leadership on this critical environmental issue,

Kirsten James
Water Quality Director

³ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 2005 Characterization of Municipal Solid Waste, Table 7; California Assembly Bill 2449 (Levine), statutes of 2007.

⁴ City of San Francisco Dept of the Environment "Bag Cost Analysis" (Nov.18, 2004).