

**CORRESPONDENCE
FROM 04/26/2016
MUNICIPAL SERVICES
COMMITTEE MEETING**

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance

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From: B Sword [mailto:bjsword@earthlink.net]
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 1:29 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; McAustin, Margaret; Wilson, Andy
Cc: De La Cuba, Vannia; Gordo, Victor; Go, Michael
Subject: Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance

Dear Council Members:

I'm writing to express my support for the Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance to be presented at the Municipal Services Committee today.

I have spent many hours picking up styrofoam containers from streets and streams and parks, and seen mounds of styrofoam placed in trash bins after events. Knowing that this material will never biodegrade, I strongly urge you to move this ordinance forward so that Pasadena can join over 90 other progressive California cities in banning this material.

Thank you.

Betty Sword
1155 Heather Square
Pasadena CA 91104

Flores, Valerie

To: Go, Michael
Subject: RE: Styrofoam Ban

From: Therese Brummel [<mailto:theresegbrum@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 9:09 AM

To: McAustin, Margaret; Morales, Margo; Go, Michael; Castro, Susana; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Thyret, Pam; Stone, Rhonda

Cc: Silva, Gabriel

Subject: Styrofoam Ban

Dear Councilwoman McAustin, Mayor Tornek and Councilman Wilson,

As the issue of Styrofoam comes to Municipal Services Committee again soon I reflect on the economy of this issue which seems to have been a stumbling block for MSC.

1) We banned plastic bags, a great model. Stores became creatively resourceful.
Charge 10 cents for a bag.
Rebate 10 cents customers who bring their own bag.
Put a sign in the parking lot to remember your bag.
Sell reusable bags
Coffee shops rebate 10 cents for customers who bring their own reusable cup.
All these solutions can be applied to Styrofoam business education. Some can be profitable!

2) The Public Works Dept has estimated the cost of not using Styrofoam at over \$4000 per year. But a local independent study of a restaurant that serves 300 meals a day estimates \$1400 per year. And CleanWater.org puts the estimate at only \$400 per year. The cost will be extremely variable from one establishment to the next, but not likely as high as the PPW estimates. And the restaurants who already have switched will no longer have the penalty of the extra charge since the market will be equalized with all members paying for the same non styrofoam items.

3) The city staff have been paid a lot of salary dollars investigating this issue. I prefer that not one more of my tax dollars be spent on this issue and that you move it for approval to City Council ASAP.

4) The non-money economy: Many volunteer hours have now been absorbed bringing this issue to the citizens of Pasadena, raising this campaign to counter the lobbyists, and press MSC to move the issue forward. This frustrates me. I think you would agree that there are so many issues that volunteer hours, precious life energy, could be better spent on.

Please approve the most comprehensive Styrofoam ban on April 26 and urge Council to do the same. Thank you for your service to the citizens of this city.

Sincerely,

Therese Brummel

District 2 resident for 37 years

Transition Pasadena co-founder

Repair Cafe Pasadena founder...35 events saving more than 2000 items from the landfill since 2012.



April 24, 2016

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Sincerely,
(Sign & Print Name) Amelia Perez Silverman Amelia Perez Silverman

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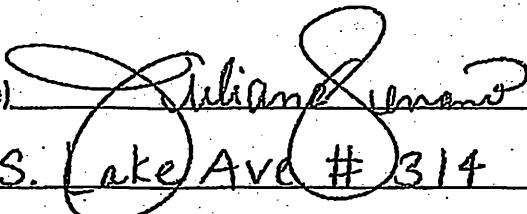
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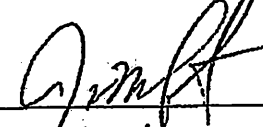
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April 24, 2016

City of Pasadena Councilmember
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Juliana Serrano <JSerrano@allsaints-pas.org>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 8:10 AM
To: Tornek, Terry
Cc: Jomsky, Mark; Mermell, Steve
Subject: Support - Single Use Polystyrene Ban
Attachments: LetterTornekPolystyrene.pdf

Dear Mayor Tornek:

Please accept the attached letters/signatures from more than 195 persons who worship, play, work, and/or live in Pasadena and would like to see the Municipal Services Committee and the Pasadena City Council ban the use and sale of single use polystyrene products in our city.

We understand that the Municipal Services Committee will be discussing this matter today. These signatures should be entered as public comment for the record.

In addition, our various council members will receive a total of more than 60 personalized letters – all expressing support of the proposed ban.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Juliana

Juliana Serrano
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Jomsky, Mark

From: Teresa Mei Chuc <teresa.meichuc@goddard.edu>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 5:58 PM
To: McAustin, Margaret; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Flores, Valerie; Silva, Gabriel; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Kennedy, John
Subject: Support a Healthier, More Sustainable Pasadena

Dear Pasadena Council Members,

Pasadena is my home. From the age of two and a half, I grew up in Pasadena, I was raised by Pasadena. I attended Hamilton Elementary School and then Marshall Fundamental Junior/Senior High School where I graduated. I think the city of Pasadena played a major role in shaping me as a person, as a human being aware/conscious of her community, the earth and our place in it.

Naturally, I believe that Pasadena should be a styrofoam free city. In doing so, it will send a message to future generations, to our children, that we care about them, that we are indeed stewards of the earth and will lead the way in making this planet a cleaner, safer, healthier place for its plants and creatures.

I imagine the children of Pasadena, the age I was decades ago, growing, absorbing, learning. Passing a bill that can ensure that Pasadena be styrofoam free will send a strong message to our youth and to each person, creature, river, ocean that they are important and worth protecting.

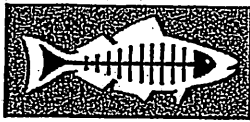
We can pay the small price for more sustainable options other than styrofoam now so that our children, their children, the earth and its creatures will not have to pay a more costly price. What we do in our powers as adults, we communicate our children what they mean to us and what kind of earth we want to leave for them. A clean and thriving earth, healthy creatures unharmed by pollutants such as plastics and styrofoam, a healthy ecosystem is the greatest inheritance we can leave for our children and future generations.

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,

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VIA EMAIL

Re: Polystyrene Ban

Dear Members of the Pasadena Municipal Services Committee,

On behalf of Heal the Bay, we submit the following comments regarding the City of Pasadena's proposed Polystyrene ban. Heal the Bay is an environmental organization with over 15,000 members dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds of greater Los Angeles safe, healthy, and clean. We appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

Heal the Bay supports a vote by the Pasadena City Council to eliminate the use of single-use polystyrene from its businesses. According to Pasadena's *Zero Waste Strategic Plan*, recommended initiative #2 is an implementation of product and disposal bans, with the example being polystyrene food packaging.¹ Initiating the proposed ordinance will be in lockstep with the City of Pasadena Department of Public Works' Strategic Plan. If council members truly want to be zero waste, they should bite the proverbial polystyrene bullet, and ban single-use polystyrene containers.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us at (310) 451-1500.

Sincerely,

Steven Johnson
Water Resources Policy Analyst
Heal the Bay

¹ City of Pasadena Department of Public Works (2014, October). *Zero Waste Strategic Plan*. p. 4. Retrieved from <file:///C:/Users/sjohnson/Downloads/Pasadena%20Zero%20Waste%20Strategic%20Plan.pdf>

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morey Wolfson <moreywolfson@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 12:25 AM
To: Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Letter in support of MSC moving the polystyrene ordinance to the Council

April 25, 2016

To: Municipal Services Committee Chairwoman Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek
Councilmember Andy Wilson

From: Morey Wolfson

It is my pleasure to send you this message in support of the proposed ordinance on polystyrene foam food and beverage containers.

Passage of the ordinance will be a strategic advantage to Pasadena. It will be a strong addition to your list of elements that tout the City' environmental brand. Passage of the ordinance will create the opportunity to distinguish Pasadena as a zero waste pathfinder in the San Gabriel Valley, which could potentially lead Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles to do much the same.

With our new highly qualified Public Works Director, the Council's policy frameworks can create the dynamic for Mr. Maloyan and his staff to serve as role models in support of regional zero waste initiatives.

Following passage of the ordinance, your leadership will send a clear message that we need a stronger regional discussion on how well-crafted ordinances can make a significant dent in controlling the very real public and environmental costs of polystyrene. With passage, I envision that Pasadena will have an authentic place from which to speak on the subject when it appears on the agenda of the **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**. After implementation, Council Members, the City Manager's office, and Mr. Maloyan will have a tangible story to tell when collaborating and coordinating with governments in the region.

The other benefit of passage is that it would provide Pasadena leaders with the credibility to champion the zero waste topics in front of what will be a newly-constituted **Board of Supervisors**. As you may know, in 2011 the Supervisors declined to extend the boundaries of a polystyrene ban beyond county facilities because they wanted the cover of a statewide ban to be enacted. Thanks to an infusion of a lot of DART money in Sacramento, that did not happen.

About DART's money:

As you may know, DART is a heavy-hitter when it comes to campaign contributions. With Ken Dart's worth estimated at \$6.6 billion, and with Dart owning 25% of the property on the Cayman Islands, it is a trifling expense item for DART to give approximately \$500,000 per year in aggregate to California office holders. The contributions help keep policy-makers at bay and "really confused about the recyclability question." With environmentally sensitive bellwether State of California kept perpetually at bay when it comes to polystyrene, DART's \$500,000 California political pay-off undoubtedly yields the company's highest internal ROI.

Since DART's legislative victory in 2011, the polystyrene topic has remained somewhat dormant at the **Board of Supervisors**. There is hope that zero waste champions will emerge on what will be a newly-constituted

Board. Potential champions would be substantially strengthened to move the Board forward when they can point to a model like Pasadena that exercised the political will to directly address the issue.

Thank you for considering these opinions.

With deep appreciation for what I know you do each and every day for this city that you love!

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morey Wolfson <moreywolfson@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark; McAustin, Margaret; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Maloyan, Ara; Silva, Gabriel; Mermell, Steve
Subject: April 26 2016 - MSC meeting - Critique of Staff's Survey of Cost Impact to Restaurants
Attachments: Wolfson analysis of Staff polystyrene report.docx

To: Councilmember Margaret McAustin, Chair, Municipal Services Committee
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CC: Ara Maloyan, P.E., Director, Department of Public Works
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Steve Mermell, Interim City Manager

From: Morey Wolfson, Pasadena resident

Date: April 26, 2016

Subject: Proposed Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance
Agenda Report (AR) prepared by Department of Public Works Staff, dated May 9, 2016 (December 8, 2015 and April 26)

I have prepared the attached analysis and critique of Staff's statement in the AR.

Thank you for your consideration of this information at today's meeting.

MEMORANDUM

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This is the sole area of my critique of Staff's AR:

Staff states:

"In addition to the telephone survey, staff conducted a price comparison in the field on polystyrene packaging versus available alternative packaging. The unit costs were determined to be three cents for polystyrene versus seven cents for a comparable alternative product. This equates to estimating annual costs of the following for businesses to convert to alternative packaging."

Restaurant Type	Annual Financial Impact
Primary Dine In	\$840 to \$2,400
Dine in and Takeout	\$3,200 to \$4,800
Primary Takeout	\$7,200 to \$16,800
Grocery/Retailers and others	Negligible

I make these points:

1. Staff did not make an attempt to conduct a cost/benefit analysis.
2. Staff's study of the container cost difference is suspect.
3. Staff's numbers do not place any additional container cost burden in to context, such as impact on annual revenue.
4. Staff's table could not only be off by as much as 400%, Staff's analysis made no effort to put any price increase into context.

1. Staff did not make an attempt to conduct a cost/benefit analysis.

It is important to point out that Staff's financial analysis made no attempt to quantify the dollar benefits associated with better environmental performance in Pasadena or taxpayer savings. It is not as if these benefits and savings don't exist. There is a very real cost to any City in actual dollars to chase after polystyrene, and Departments of Public Works across the globe know this first hand. But it is totally missing from Staff's analysis.

Of course, dollar signs in a staff document really fly off the page. The only dollar signs that Staff presents to the MSC is the supposed increased cost to the restaurants.

2. Staff's study of the container cost difference is suspect.

Recognize that Staff has seen Clean Water Action's cost difference survey, which estimates an average cost difference of \$.01 per container. That said, staff elected to reject CWA's study in favor of their own research, which has not been subject to review by outside sources such as myself. In addition, staff's field report included results reported by restaurants. Staff has assumed that there is a \$.04 difference in container cost.

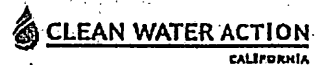
It should be understood after reading letters sent to the City from 125 Pasadena Styrofoam restaurants, that these restaurants felt no restraint to over-inflate their fears of absorbing any minimum expense. So frankly, I think relying on "reports" from these DART-led Styrofoam restaurants ought to be viewed with a very large grain of salt.

If it turns out that had an independent verification proved that CWA's cost comparison survey was correct, and Staff's cost comparison was wrong, then **Staff's \$.04 stated cost difference survey could be inflated by as much as four-fold.** On top of that, as CWA notes, "lower prices- up to 25% less" than the \$.01 cost difference, "may be obtainable through cooperative purchasing."

Polystyrene Foam Take-Out Packaging and Price Comparable Alternatives

Product	Polystyrene Product	Unit Cost	Non-Foam Product	Unit Cost	Cost Difference	
10 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$20.20	Plastic - Dart Container 2500 ct	\$60.96	\$0.02	\$0.00
10 oz Hot Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$20.20	Paper - Choice 1000 ct	\$36.53	\$0.04	\$0.02
12 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$22.09	Plastic - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$24.90	\$0.02	\$0.00
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16 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$31.91	Plastic - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$35.37	\$0.03	\$0.00
16 oz Hot Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$31.91	Paper - Choice 1000 ct	\$44.03	\$0.04	\$0.01
12 oz Bowl	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct	\$17.63	Plastic - Gepak 1000ct	\$48.99	\$0.05	\$0.02
16 oz Bowl	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct	\$19.65	Plastic - Gepak 1000ct	\$63.99	\$0.06	\$0.02
6" Plate	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct	\$13.08	Paper - AJM Packaging 1000 ct	\$7.53	\$0.007	\$0.00
9" Plate	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct	\$19.37	Paper - AJM Packaging 1000 ct	\$11.49	\$0.01	(\$0.03)
6" Hinge Container	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct	\$17.13	Plastic - Dart 500ct	\$28.18	\$0.06	\$0.03
9" Hinge Container	Foam - Dart Container 200 ct	\$12.64	Plastic - Durslock 250ct	\$25.94	\$0.10	\$0.04
Average Cost Difference						\$0.01

All prices from The WEBstaurant Store, July 2012.
 Lower prices (up to 25% less) may be obtainable through cooperative purchasing.



3. **Staff's numbers do not place any additional container cost burden in to context, such as impact on annual revenue.**

A. **Restaurant Type- Primary Dine-In**

Staff has presumed that the financial impact ranges between \$840 and \$2,400

First we analyze this busy **Primary Dine-In** restaurant, with the highest cost impact of \$2,400 per year.

My assumptions:

- The restaurant is open 6 days a week, 50 weeks a year, which equals 300 days per year.
- At a cost difference of \$.04 per container, this equals 60,000 containers dispensed per year.
- Divide 60,000 containers by 300 days per year.
- That results in 200 take-out containers dispensed each day.
- Assume that 50% of the diners ask for a takeout container. *(This could be a high or low estimate. I expect it is high, but I selected to use 50% to simplify the math and discussion).*
- With 50% of the customers using take out containers, which would result in that restaurant serving 400 customers per day.
- Assume the average price of a meal at this **hypothetical busy Primary Dine-In** restaurant is \$12. *(I think the average price of a meal in Pasadena may be higher, but to keep the math and discussion simple, stick with \$12.)*
- Assume that each day, 400 customers will pay an average of \$12 for their meals.
- Multiply 400 x \$12 x 300 days. That equals \$1,440,000 per year in gross revenues.
- Divide the proposed high end of \$2,400 in additional annual container cost by the gross annual revenue of \$1,440,000.
- The additional cost for non-polystyrene containers represents a 0.16 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
 - If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of the 0.16 would result in a .04 percent cost burden.

Next, we conduct the same exercise for a hypothetical **not-so-busy Primary Dine-In** restaurant using Staff's low end estimate for the extra cost of the takeout container, estimated to be \$840.

- Divide that \$840 in additional cost by the gross revenues of \$1,440,000.
- That would represent a 0.058 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
 - If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of that cost burden would be a .0145 percent cost burden.

B. Restaurant Type- Dine-in and Takeout

Staff has presumed that the financial impact ranges between \$3,200 and \$4,800

First, we analyze the high end Staff estimate of the extra cost for non-polystyrene at \$4,800 per year at a **hypothetical busy Dine-in and Takeout** restaurant.

My assumptions:

- At \$.04 per container, this would equal 120,000 containers dispensed per year.
- The restaurant is open 6 days a week, 50 weeks a year, which equals 300 days per year.
- Divide the 120,000 containers by 300 days per year.
- That results in 400 take-out containers dispensed each day.
- Since this is a **Dine-in and Takeout** restaurant, assume that 66% of the diners ask for a takeout container. The other customers are assumed to dine in and are not using take-out containers. *(The 66% estimate could be a high or low – I expect high. But I selected 66% to simplify both the math and the discussion).*
- If 400 take-out containers are dispensed per day, then we will assume that the restaurant serves 600 customers per day.
- Assume the average price of a meal at this busy hypothetical **Dine-in and Takeout** restaurant is \$12. *(I think it may be higher in Pasadena, but to keep the math and discussion simple, stick with \$12.)*
- Assume that each day, 600 customers will pay an average of \$12 for their meals.
- Multiply 600 customers times \$12 per meal, times 300 days per year. That equals \$2,160,000 per year in gross revenues.
- Divide the \$4,800 in additional container cost by the gross revenues of \$2,160,000.
- The additional cost for the non-polystyrene containers represents a 0.22 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
 - If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of that cost burden would be a .055 percent cost burden.

Next, we do the same exercise using Staff's low end of the extra cost at this **not-so-busy hypothetical Dine-in and Takeout**, namely \$3,200 per year.

- Divide the \$3,200 in additional cost by the gross revenues of \$2,160,000.
- That would represent a 0.14 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
 - If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of that cost burden would be a .035 percent cost burden.

C. Restaurant Type- Primary Takeout

Staff has presumed that the financial impact ranges between \$7,200 and \$16,800

First, we analyze the high end of the assumed extra cost of \$16,800 as estimated by Staff.

My assumptions:

- At \$.04 per container, this would equal 420,000 containers dispensed per year.
- This busy **Primary Takeout** restaurant is open 6 days a week, 50 weeks a year, which equals 300 days per year.
- If 100% of the customers use takeout containers, this hypothetical restaurant will have 420,000 customers per year, or 1,400 customers a day.
- Assume the average price of a meal at this hypothetical **Primary Takeout** restaurant is \$10. *(I don't know the actual average price for a meal at a primary takeout restaurant, but to keep the math and discussion simple, I have selected \$10.)*
- Assume that each day, 1,400 customers will pay an average of \$10 for their meal.
- Multiply 1,400 customers time \$10 times 300 days per year. That equals \$4,200,000 per year in gross revenues.
- Divide the \$16,800 in additional cost by the gross revenues of \$4,200,000.
- The additional cost represents a 0.4 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
- If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of that cost burden would result in a .1 percent cost burden.

Next we conduct the same exercise using Staff's estimate of the low end of the extra cost, namely \$7,200.

- Divide that \$7,200 in additional cost by the gross revenues of \$4,200,000.
- That would represent a 0.17 percent cost burden to be applied against the restaurant's annual revenue.
- If CWA's survey is correct, then one fourth of that cost burden would result in a .0425 percent cost burden.

My fourth point: Staff's table could not only be off by as much as 400%, Staff's analysis made no effort to put any price increase into context.

Consider how Staff's table appears as a stand-alone piece of data for decision-makers.

Restaurant Type	Annual Financial Impact
Primary Dine In	\$840 to \$2,400
Dine in and Takeout	\$3,200 to \$4,800
Primary Takeout	\$7,200 to \$16,800
Grocery/Retailers and others	Negligible

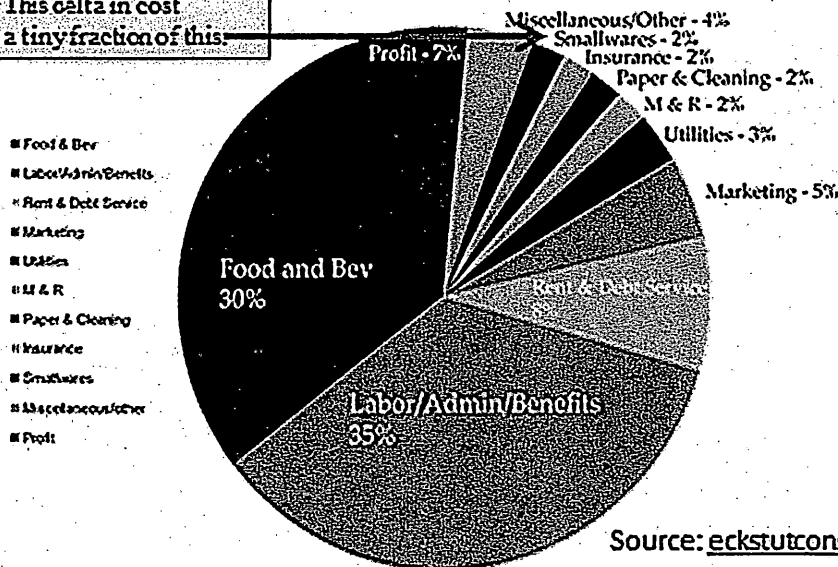
The table raises some eyebrows, doesn't it? Especially the \$16,800.

The decision-makers might get a little anxious, especially when viewing a \$16,800 figure. That's the kind of figure that a newspaper reporter would immediately jump on to lead a story to help catch the reader's attention.

Staff's table is likely to be a whole lot more interesting to the media than the one that I produced below, which attempts to put any cost increases into context. I produced the chart to help disabuse decision-makers of DART-inspired ideas about "devastating impacts."

Illustrative Restaurant Cost Structure

To meet the terms of the proposed ordinance, a Styrofoam restaurant would pay 1, 2, or 3 cents more per container. This delta in cost represents a tiny fraction of this:



Source: eckstutconsulting.com

(Assuming that you don't know this source, so don't trust it. Build your own pie chart using your own assumptions and you will draw similar conclusions)

Flores, Valerie

To: Castro, Susana
Cc: Go, Michael
Subject: RE: Pasadena Polystyrene Ban

From: Robert Brummel [<mailto:rjbrummel@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Friday, April 22, 2016 10:02 AM

To: Tornek, Terry; McAustin, Margaret; Wilson, Andy

Cc: Morales, Margo; Castro, Susana

Subject: Pasadena Polystyrene Ban

Dear Mayor Tornek and Councilmembers McAustin and Wilson,

I'm writing to you to add my voice in support of the proposed polystyrene ban in the city of Pasadena.

I know you have received a lot of public comment, reports and information in favor of the action. The research and statistics appear persuasive to me that 1) the continued use of polystyrene products poses a threat; 2) the substance isn't recyclable in actuality; 3) a ban, while it will result in a very slight rise in operating costs, will not result in the closure of or even any significant financial loss to any local businesses; and 4) if Pasadena truly wants to be a leading green city, we should join the scores of other municipalities around the country that have already taken this step, some of them decades ago.

And as the renowned essayist/poet/novelist/Kentucky farmer Wendell Berry has written, "All we can do to prepare rightly for tomorrow is to do the right things today."

Thank you for your consideration.

Robert Brummel
District 2

Jomsky, Mark

From: Tom Brady <brady818@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 07, 2016 8:51 AM
To: McAustin, Margaret; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Flores, Yolanda; Silva, Gabriel
Subject: Pasadena Polystyrene Policy

On April 26, the Municipal Services Committee will be considering a ban on takeout polystyrene food containers in the City of Pasadena. I have long experienced the environmental hazards of polystyrene, both as the retired City of Glendale Recycling Coordinator and as a leader of cleanup efforts along the LA River and our coast. Polystyrene containers easily break into tiny pieces that litter our rivers, our coasts, and our recycling facilities. In the ocean, they are mistaken for food and lead to countless deaths of sea birds and other marine life. Contrary to opposition claims, such containers are not now recycled in the City's recycling programs, just as they are not recycled in Glendale.

As a resident of Pasadena and the chair of the environmental ministry of Pasadena's All Saints Episcopal Church, I urge you to approve the staff proposal to ban takeout polystyrene food containers. Tom Brady 1501 Poppy Peak Drive, Pasadena, 91105

Flores, Valerie

Subject:

FW: Styrofoam ban

On 4/19/16, 9:18 PM, "Cynthia Frederick" <fargosmom1@gmail.com> wrote:

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>Respectfully,

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>Cynthia Frederick
>CLUCKinPasadena

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Styrofoam ban

-----Original Message-----

From: Cynthia Frederick [mailto:fargosmom1@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, April 19, 2016 9:18 PM

To: McAustin, Margaret; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Flores, Valerie; Silva, Gabriel; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Kennedy, John

Subject: re: Styrofoam ban

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Cynthia Frederick
CLUCKinPasadena

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Polystyrene Ban in Pasadena - SUPPORT

From: Jonathan Klein [mailto:jonathandanielklein@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 11:39 AM
To: McAustin, Margaret
Cc: Flores, Valerie
Subject: Re: Polystyrene Ban in Pasadena - SUPPORT

Thank you, Ms. McAustin. I heard about and appreciate your willingness to call out the use of false advertising by opponents of the ban at a recent hearing/meeting. Thank you!

Best Wishes,
Jonathan

On Wed, Apr 20, 2016 at 10:27 AM, McAustin, Margaret <mmcaustin@cityofpasadena.net> wrote:
Thank you for your email; it will become part of the public record.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 20, 2016, at 9:00 AM, Rabbi Jonathan Klein <jonathandanielklein@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Esteemed Mayor and Councilmembers,

While you may know me as the director of CLUE: Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice, I write to you as an environmentalist committed to protecting our planet. As you know, many cities have already passed styrofoam container bans; as a city committed to zero waste and protecting our delicate resources, it is time to FINISH this project and move on to the next level of our plans for the City.

Please pass the polystyrene container ban immediately!

We are well on our way, and the arguments to oppose this ban truly lack substance:

- **"It will cost restaurants and businesses too much!"** Nonsense!; so many restaurants already have moved away from the ever-existing styrofoam in favor of less environmentally destructive materials. They wouldn't do that if they couldn't afford it! Observe it yourself: Go to any store where they sell styrofoam cups and plates. 100 styrofoam cups might cost \$1.99; paper or even plastic cups will be \$4.99 at most. That means, conservatively, \$3 for every one hundred cups! That's a mere \$.03 per patron extra.
- **"Styrofoam is recyclable!"** Almost entirely false! The reality of styrofoam container use is that it is almost never clean (hence it being thrown away) and thus unrecyclable...and even if it were clean, the conditions for recycling this material are cost-prohibitive.
- **"This will hurt the poor the most!"** Again, not true...it will actually make the planet a little safer, a little less polluted, and the costs as pointed to above are minuscule.

The Dart Corporation is pouring money into Communities of Color to convince them to oppose the styrofoam ban; I should know because I have been approached by clergy for help with this pro-pollution campaign!

However, I know that you will do what is right. Please pass this styrofoam ban, IMMEDIATELY, so that City Council can get back to work making every effort to make this a sustainable community for all to live in with beauty and safety.

Blessings/Shalom,

Rabbi Jonathan Klein
(with an affiliation at Throop UU Church in Pasadena)

Dear Chair McAustin, Mayor Tornek and Councilmember Wilson:

Our EAC commission members thank you for your diligence and commitment to ensuring that Pasadena's municipal services continue to be a model of excellence for all cities. By promoting a ban on expanded polystyrene (EPS) food containers, as have more than 90 other jurisdictions in California, Pasadena will demonstrate that it is indeed committed to its goal of being a green and sustainable city.

You are already well acquainted with arguments in favor and against a ban on EPS food containers. As an environmental advisory commission, we strongly support a ban on the food containers. Much evidence shows that EPS containers in the waste stream result in considerable harm to wildlife. Our comments below, however, focus on a key issue that you raised at your December 8, 2015 meeting. At that meeting, members of the MSC requested that Public Works provide "suggestions for mitigating impending impacts on small business owners." The following are suggestions for mitigating these impacts along with information about the positive effect of bans from other cities.

Cost of alternative containers. The issue of the increased costs of alternative containers looms larger than any other to small restaurant owners. All of the letters presented to the MSC and Public Works mention the burden of increased costs for such containers. (Representatives of Dart Industries solicited the letters and provided sample language). It is true that alternatives to the EPS containers cost more. However, a price comparison prepared by Clean Water Action,¹ shows that the added cost is modest, only a few pennies a container. And large discounts can reduce these prices even further. It is worth noting that the plastic alternatives listed on the table are recyclable, unlike the EPS containers that end up in landfills.

More expensive alternatives than those shown in the attached table are available, but the proposed ordinance does not specify what types must be used. Most restaurants in Old Town and the Playhouse District already provide eco-friendly containers to their customers. Even a fast food company--In and Out Burger--has discontinued using EPS containers despite the additional cost. A representative of Lynsi Torres, owner of the popular take out chain, said that she discontinued using the containers because she "wanted to do the right thing." Many of Pasadena's residents also want the City to do the right thing. An on-line survey about the proposed ordinance shows that a large number of our residents want local restaurants to discontinue using EPS containers.

Bring your own containers. In addition to using inexpensive substitutes for polystyrene containers, restaurants can save money by urging their customers to bring their own containers. Doing so would not only reduce costs, but also reduce the amount of waste going to landfills. Both Santa Monica and Manhattan Beach have encouraged local restaurants to urge customers to bring

¹ Refer to attached table

their own containers, as people used to do. On its website, Manhattan Beach - says: "we encourage you to "Bring Your Own!" containers, reusable cups and mugs, straws, and utensils whenever you can." Restaurants in both Manhattan and Santa Monica offer incentives to those who do bring their own. On the national level, there is a campaign, "Take Out Without", that urges people to bring their own reusable containers to restaurants and to refuse disposable ones. The benefits of this practice are obvious: a reduction in the cost of providing containers and a reduction in the amount of waste taken to landfills.

Results of ordinances. A comprehensive survey of three cities—Portland, San Francisco, and Seattle—finds that there has been a high rate of compliance with their ordinances banning EPS food containers.² The same study also found a reduction in EPS litter. Seattle reported a "definite change" in litter. San Francisco found a 41% reduction. Portland has yet to report about litter reduction.

Recycling EPS containers. Many of the letters from restaurant owners opposed to a ban say that the containers are being recycled by the City. Dart Industries has promoted this claim, and their representatives have distributed "Rinse and Recycle" posters to scores of small restaurants in Pasadena. The posters claim that if customers rinse their containers, they will be recycled. The claim is false and Dart knows it. None of the waste haulers in Pasadena transport EPS food containers to recycling centers because it isn't economically feasible to do so. The containers end up in landfills where they reside forever.

Our Environmental Advisory Commission urges the MSC to support the draft ordinance banning single use EPS food containers by sending it to the full Council for its consideration. For many years, Pasadena has presented itself as a green city committed to the best practices in environmental sustainability. It is time that we join the other 90 plus jurisdictions in California that have banned EPS food containers and cups, both of which are major components of the waste that ends up on the beaches of southern California.

Respectfully yours,

Laura S. Garrett 9/14/10

Laura Garrett, Chair
Environmental Advisory Commission

² Master's Thesis (2012): An Assessment of Policies on Polystyrene Food Ware Bans by Linda Nguyen

Polystyrene Foam Take-Out Packaging and Price Comparable Alternatives

Product	Polystyrene Product	Unit Cost	Non-Foam Product	Unit Cost	Cost Difference
10 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$20.20	\$0.02	Plastic - Dart Container 2500 ct \$0.96	\$0.02	\$0.00
10 oz Hot Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$20.20	\$0.02	Paper - Choice 1000 ct \$36.53	\$0.04	\$0.02
12 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$22.09	\$0.02	Plastic - Dart Container 1000 ct \$24.90	\$0.02	\$0.00
12 oz Hot Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$22.09	\$0.02	Paper - Choice 1000 ct \$40.90	\$0.04	\$0.02
16 oz Cold Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$31.91	\$0.03	Plastic - Dart Container 1000 ct \$35.37	\$0.03	\$0.00
16 oz Hot Cup	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$31.91	\$0.03	Paper - Choice 1000 ct \$44.03	\$0.04	\$0.01
12 oz Bowl	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct \$17.63	\$0.03	Plastic - Genpak 1000 ct \$48.99	\$0.05	\$0.02
16 oz Bowl	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct \$19.68	\$0.04	Plastic - Genpak 1000 ct \$63.09	\$0.06	\$0.02
6" Plate	Foam - Dart Container 1000 ct \$13.08	\$0.01	Paper - AJM Packaging 1000 ct \$7.53	\$0.007	\$0.00
9" Plate	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct \$19.37	\$0.04	Paper - AJM Packaging 1000 ct \$11.49	\$0.01	(\$0.03)
6" Hinge Container	Foam - Dart Container 500 ct \$17.13	\$0.03	Plastic - Dart 500 ct \$25.18	\$0.06	\$0.03
9" Hinge Container	Foam - Dart Container 200 ct \$12.64	\$0.06	Plastic - Duralock 250 ct \$25.94	\$0.10	\$0.04
Average Cost Difference					\$0.01

All prices from The WEBstaurant Store, July 2012.
Lower prices (up to 25% less) may be obtainable through cooperative purchasing.

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: MSC 4/26 Meeting - Polystyrene Ban

From: paula kelly [mailto:pk.kelly@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, April 18, 2016 3:48 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; Morales, Margo; Thyret, Pam; Bell, Cushon; Chong, Cheyenne
Subject: MSC 4/26 Meeting - Polystyrene Ban

Dear Mayor Tornek, Councilwoman McAustin and Councilman Wilson (also copied to Councilmember Hampton):

I am writing as a resident of Pasadena (and I vote!) to ask you to please seriously consider the proposed polystyrene ban at your public hearing next week. It is part of the adopted Zero Waste Plan and should be forwarded to the Council at large. I am not going to go into the many good reasons why such a ban should be adopted, because I am sure you have already heard a lot and will hear much more next Tuesday.

However, I would ask that you closely examine the disinformation campaign being undertaken in Pasadena by the companies that manufacture polystyrene containers. Polystyrene food and drink containers are NOT recycled. It is economically infeasible to do so. The only polystyrene that is recycled are large blocks that are used for packing items for shipping. So, the "rinse and recycle" posters you see in some of the restaurants are simply false statements.

Thank You,

Paula Kelly
1825 Walworth Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91104
District 1

Martinez, Ruben

From: Morales, Margo
Sent: Thursday, April 21, 2016 10:34 AM
To: 'Joan Depew'
Cc: McAustin, Margaret; cityclerk
Subject: RE: polystyrene containers

Hello and Thank you for your email. I will make sure Margaret receives it and that it is made part of the public record.



Margo L. Morales
District Representative to Councilmember McAustin
(626) 744-4742
(626) 744-3814 fax
To Join Our Mailing list go to www.cityofpasadena.net/district2

From: Joan Depew [<mailto:jedepew@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 5:52 PM
To: Morales, Margo
Subject: polystyrene containers

Hi Margaret!

Please vote to ban the use of Styrofoam containers in Pasadena! They are the main contributor to marine pollution. As in all things good for this planet, Pasadena should be leading the way.

Sincerely,

Joan Depew
2142 E Crary St
Pasadena 91104

Jomsky, Mark

From: Morey Wolfson <moreywolfson@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 12:25 AM
To: Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Letter in support of MSC moving the polystyrene ordinance to the Council

April 25, 2016

To: Municipal Services Committee Chairwoman Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek
Councilmember Andy Wilson

From: Morey Wolfson

It is my pleasure to send you this message in support of the proposed ordinance on polystyrene foam food and beverage containers.

Passage of the ordinance will be a strategic advantage to Pasadena. It will be a strong addition to your list of elements that tout the City' environmental brand. Passage of the ordinance will create the opportunity to distinguish Pasadena as a zero waste pathfinder in the San Gabriel Valley, which could potentially lead Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles to do much the same.

With our new highly qualified Public Works Director, the Council's policy frameworks can create the dynamic for Mr. Maloyan and his staff to serve as role models in support of regional zero waste initiatives.

Following passage of the ordinance, your leadership will send a clear message that we need a stronger regional discussion on how well-crafted ordinances can make a significant dent in controlling the very real public and environmental costs of polystyrene. With passage, I envision that Pasadena will have an authentic place from which to speak on the subject when it appears on the agenda of the **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments**. After implementation, Council Members, the City Manager's office, and Mr. Maloyan will have a tangible story to tell when collaborating and coordinating with governments in the region.

The other benefit of passage is that it would provide Pasadena leaders with the credibility to champion the zero waste topics in front of what will be a newly-constituted **Board of Supervisors**. As you may know, in 2011 the Supervisors declined to extend the boundaries of a polystyrene ban beyond county facilities because they wanted the cover of a statewide ban to be enacted. Thanks to an infusion of a lot of DART money in Sacramento, that did not happen.

About DART's money:

As you may know, DART is a heavy-hitter when it comes to campaign contributions. With Ken Dart's worth estimated at \$6.6 billion, and with Dart owning 25% of the property on the Cayman Islands, it is a trifling expense item for DART to give approximately \$500,000 per year in aggregate to California office holders. The contributions help keep policy-makers at bay and "really confused about the recyclability question." With environmentally sensitive bellwether State of California kept perpetually at bay when it comes to polystyrene, DART's \$500,000 California political pay-off undoubtedly yields the company's highest internal ROI.

Since DART's legislative victory in 2011, the polystyrene topic has remained somewhat dormant at the **Board of Supervisors**. There is hope that zero waste champions will emerge on what will be a newly-constituted

Board. Potential champions would be substantially strengthened to move the Board forward when they can point to a model like Pasadena that exercised the political will to directly address the issue.

Thank you for considering these opinions.

With deep appreciation for what I know you do each and every day for this city that you love!

Flores, Valerie

To: Teresa Mei Chuc
Subject: RE: Support a Healthier, More Sustainable Pasadena

From: Teresa Mei Chuc [<mailto:teresa.meichuc@goddard.edu>]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 5:58 PM

To: McAustin, Margaret; Tornek, Terry; Wilson, Andy; Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Flores, Valerie; Silva, Gabriel; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Kennedy, John

Subject: Support a Healthier, More Sustainable Pasadena

Dear Pasadena Council Members,

Pasadena is my home. From the age of two and a half, I grew up in Pasadena, I was raised by Pasadena. I attended Hamilton Elementary School and then Marshall Fundamental Junior/Senior High School where I graduated. I think the city of Pasadena played a major role in shaping me as a person, as a human being aware/conscious of her community, the earth and our place in it.

Naturally, I believe that Pasadena should be a styrofoam free city. In doing so, it will send a message to future generations, to our children, that we care about them, that we are indeed stewards of the earth and will lead the way in making this planet a cleaner, safer, healthier place for its plants and creatures.

I imagine the children of Pasadena, the age I was decades ago, growing, absorbing, learning. Passing a bill that can ensure that Pasadena be styrofoam free will send a strong message to our youth and to each person, creature, river, ocean that they are important and worth protecting.

We can pay the small price for more sustainable options other than styrofoam now so that our children, their children, the earth and its creatures will not have to pay a more costly price. What we do in our powers as adults, we communicate our children what they mean to us and what kind of earth we want to leave for them. A clean and thriving earth, healthy creatures unharmed by pollutants such as plastics and styrofoam, a healthy ecosystem is the greatest inheritance we can leave for our children and future generations.

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,

Teresa Mei Chuc, English teacher
John F. Kennedy High School
Architecture, Digital Design, Filmmaking Magnet
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April 25, 2016

Margaret McAustin, Chair and Municipal Services Committee
City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

Dear Ms. McAustin and Committee Members,

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce is deeply concerned with the financial impacts the proposed Polystyrene Ban would have on our small and independent food service businesses. I also served on the working group/committee that pushed through the decision that is in front of you now.

I appreciate the City of Pasadena wanting to be a good steward of the environment, and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce agrees we need to divert more from our waste streams and remove as much polluting materials as we can from our local streams, mountains, wilderness and urban areas. I am not at all convinced this ban will have any impact in furthering that goal. I expect we are merely substituting more costly polluting materials for polystyrene.

I think almost everyone would be supportive of the measure if it would actually have a positive impact on the environment in Pasadena. Unfortunately, any gains made by outlawing polystyrene use by restaurants will be offset by increases in pollution from other materials. As evidenced in San Francisco following their polystyrene ban, litter made up of paper based food packaging, especially cups, increased.

During a small-business roundtable the Chamber hosted last week, Mayor Terry Tornek and Council Member Andy Wilson heard directly from local restaurateurs who said that increasing costs pose a huge threat to their livelihoods. Whether it's the higher costs of providing health care for employees, upcoming increases in the minimum wage or price hikes for food, water and electricity, they're increasingly feeling pressure.

That's part of the reason why they continue to use foam foodservice items – they're effective and affordable. Customers won't burn their hands when they grab a morning coffee; their to-go lunches are still hot when they get back to the office; sauces, soups and other liquids don't soak through the container.

Alternative products, on the other hand, are less effective than foam, yet they cost up to three times more. Anytime anyone is buying in buying in bulk – whether it's a homeless shelter, hospital, restaurant or convenience store – even small increases in costs can really harm a bottom line. In fact, the Pasadena Unified School District said its costs increased by \$100,000 after switching from foam. These increases can have ripple effects, too: When costs go up for business owners, prices may go up for customers and hours may go down for employees.

Worse still, foam alternatives cause even more waste when you consider the Java jackets and extra cups needed to protect customers' hands from hot drinks or the extra heavy duty to-go containers required to prevent food from leaking. That's likely why San Francisco saw an increase in paper cup litter after it banned foam.

We all want to keep Pasadena clean and beautiful. But this proposal won't achieve that goal because it simply causes one single-use product to be replaced by another single-use product, and it will harm our city's economic engines: small, locally owned businesses.

While your staff and recycling contractor bemoan the inefficiency and cost of recycling polystyrene, I believe the contract requires the recycling of polystyrene. Whether it is cost-effective or not for the contractor: if the City of Pasadena is paying for a service, that service should be provided. Rather than amend the contract, I think we would all prefer to see all its provisions enforced.

There is so much more the City of Pasadena could be devoting staff time and money to that could have a positive impact on our environment. The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce could be very supportive of measures to prevent all types of litter from entering our storm drains. We would happily support incentives to reduce water use among our small businesses through conservation and installation of fixtures that use less water. We would strongly support initiatives to incentivize installation of solar power panels on flat-topped commercial buildings and parking lots to reduce dependence on fossil fuel-generated power. We support encouraging recycling of plastic water bottles, the single most littered item (after cigarette butts). Providing locking recycling cans for every household to reduce theft of recyclables would also ensure more potentially recyclable material does not reach the landfill. (Often, the pilferers drop unwanted material in the street or place it in the regular trash can where it ends up in the landfill.) All of these could be more effective at enhancing our environment than a polystyrene ban, and none would impose an unfair financial burden on your local small businesses.

The Pasadena Chamber was invited to participate in the polystyrene working group. Unfortunately, from the outset, it was clear the staff-chosen chair of the committee and the support personnel had a foregone conclusion they were seeking. That being said, our concerns are based on the added financial burden this ordinance would place on our small, locally-owned restaurants who are faced with another added cost to do business in Pasadena (along with the negligible impact banning polystyrene would have on our environment).

Thank you for your service to Pasadena.



Paul Little
President and Chief Executive Officer

Cc: S. Mermell, M. Go, V. Flores

Flores, Valerie

Subject: FW: Letter in support of MSC moving the polystyrene ordinance to the Council

From: Morey Wolfson [mailto:moreywolfson@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, April 25, 2016 12:25 AM

To: Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark

Subject: Letter in support of MSC moving the polystyrene ordinance to the Council

April 25, 2016

To: Municipal Services Committee Chairwoman Councilmember Margaret McAustin
Honorable Mayor Terry Tornek
Councilmember Andy Wilson

From: Morey Wolfson

It is my pleasure to send you this message in support of the proposed ordinance on polystyrene foam food and beverage containers.

Passage of the ordinance will be a strategic advantage to Pasadena. It will be a strong addition to your list of elements that tout the City' environmental brand. Passage of the ordinance will create the opportunity to distinguish Pasadena as a zero waste pathfinder in the San Gabriel Valley, which could potentially lead Los Angeles County and the City of Los Angeles to do much the same.

With our new highly qualified Public Works Director, the Council's policy frameworks can create the dynamic for Mr. Maloyan and his staff to serve as role models in support of regional zero waste initiatives.

Following passage of the ordinance, your leadership will send a clear message that we need a stronger regional discussion on how well-crafted ordinances can make a significant dent in controlling the very real public and environmental costs of polystyrene. With passage, I envision that Pasadena will have an authentic place from which to speak on the subject when it appears on the agenda of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments. After implementation, Council Members, the City Manager's office, and Mr. Maloyan will have a tangible story to tell when collaborating and coordinating with governments in the region.

The other benefit of passage is that it would provide Pasadena leaders with the credibility to champion the zero waste topics in front of what will be a newly-constituted Board of Supervisors. As you may know, in 2011 the Supervisors declined to extend the boundaries of a polystyrene ban beyond county facilities because they wanted the cover of a statewide ban to be enacted. Thanks to an infusion of a lot of DART money in Sacramento, that did not happen.

About DART's money:

As you may know, DART is a heavy-hitter when it comes to campaign contributions. With Ken Dart's worth estimated at \$6.6 billion, and with Dart owning 25% of the property on the Cayman Islands, it is a trifling expense item for DART to give approximately \$500,000 per year in aggregate to California office holders. The contributions help keep policy-makers at bay and "really confused about the recyclability question." With environmentally sensitive bellwether State of California kept perpetually at bay when it comes to polystyrene, DART's \$500,000 California political pay-off undoubtedly yields the company's highest internal ROI.

Since DART's legislative victory in 2011, the polystyrene topic has remained somewhat dormant at the Board of Supervisors. There is hope that zero waste champions will emerge on what will be a newly-constituted Board. Potential champions would be substantially strengthened to move the Board forward when they can point to a model like Pasadena that exercised the political will to directly address the issue.

Thank you for considering these opinions.

With deep appreciation for what I know you do each and every day for this city that you love!

April 24, 2016

The Honorable Margaret McAustin
Chair, Municipal Services Committee
Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91101



RE: Polystyrene Food Packaging

Dear Councilmember McAustin,

On behalf of the California Grocers Association, I write to share a concern with the draft food packaging ordinance. As an industry we have worked with nearly 100 jurisdictions seeking to control polystyrene foam products. Based on our experience we feel that the scope of the draft ordinance may be well intentioned but would overregulate polystyrene products.

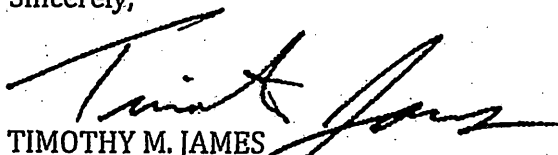
The California Grocers Association is a non-profit, statewide trade association representing the food industry since 1898. CGA represents approximately 500 retail member companies operating over 6,000 food stores in California with 80% of companies being independent grocers. CGA represents numerous grocers operating in Pasadena.

Our concern with the draft ordinance is the definition of "Polystyrene" which includes clear or solid polystyrene, also know as oriented polystyrene. We are aware that many local governments in California have sought to control expanded polystyrene, commonly referred to as foam, due to issues if it breaks apart. However, oriented polystyrene is a dramatically different product without similar breakage issues as expanded polystyrene. We respectfully request the removal of oriented polystyrene from the definition.

Our request to continue to allow oriented polystyrene becomes even more relevant when you consider other control measures in the ordinance. We have seen other California jurisdictions ban the retail sale of expanded foam products. However, a ban on oriented polystyrene products unnecessarily reduces a significant amount of product options for consumers. Inclusion of oriented polystyrene is also likely to push consumers towards products for which there are no appropriate outlets such as compostable products. The same mandate would then require a durable oriented polystyrene product to only be available for sale after further encapsulating in an additional durable material.

Thank you for your consideration of our request to remove oriented polystyrene from the ordinance mandates. Please consider CGA a partner as you continue Pasadena's waste reduction efforts.

Sincerely,


TIMOTHY M. JAMES
Sr. Manager, Local Government Relations

cc: Members, Pasadena City Council
Mr. Michael Go, Staff Representative, City of Pasadena
Ms. Valerie Flores, Recording Secretary, City of Pasadena

Dear members of the City Council.

I own a small business in the city of Pasadena and contribute much into the Pasadena economy. I am extremely concerned you would consider putting a ban on foam service containers. I believe this type of ban will cause major problems for businesses and owners like me and our customers in Pasadena.

I will be forced to increase the prices and the customers are going to be the one's affected by your decision, which will impact my business if customers decide to go elsewhere with cheaper prices. With increases to minimum wage and California sales tax I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging especially for small business.

Foam takeout containers are the most affordable and effective option for my small business. We also ask that you focus on improving our recycling program instead of banning and punishing small businesses in Pasadena.

Sincerely,

stick station
62 W. Union St #1
Pasadena CA 91103

Please Do not forget
about us running
small businesses.

~~Brandon T. [unclear]~~

Cornelius J. Ramirez

Please keep us posted.
Don't forget about us!

~~Effie [unclear]~~

Don't forget about
small business. Please
invite us to meetings.

Suzi Clifford
Dreyfus

HI MY NAME IS VARTAN TASHJIAN

I OWN A SMALL RESTAURANT IN PASADENA

ITS CALLED TORINO AND VERY MUCH LIKE

WORKING IN PASADENA I HEARD ABOUT THE

BAND ON SMALL CONTAINERS AND WOULD LIKE

TO PUT AN STOP TO THIS BAND BECAUSE IT

WILL HURT MY BUSINESS

THANK YOU

VARTAN

4/10/15

We care about

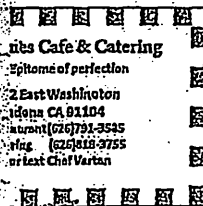
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 FINANCIAL ISSUES IF IT WERE
 TO BE ENFORCED

THIS LETTER REGARDING
 IN PASADENA FOR SMALL
 MINE. THIS BAN WOULD
 GREATLY AFFECT OUR BUSINESS COSTS, WHICH WE
 WOULD THEN HAVE TO PASS ON TO OUR CUSTOMERS
 WHO ARE ALREADY HAD ENOUGH TO KEEP COMING.
 WE HAVE BEEN IN BUSINESS SINCE 1978 AND I
 HAVE OWNED THE RESTAURANT SINCE 2008. WITH MINIMUM
 WAGE INCREASES COMING INTO EFFECT AS WELL AS
 THE POSSIBLE \$15 MINIMUM WAGE THAT MAY HAPPEN
 IN PASADENA, AS WELL AS THE NEW 24 HR MANDATORY
 SICK PAY PER YEAR PER EMPLOYEE. THIS ADDITIONAL
 COST WOULD JUST ADD TO OUR EXPENSES WHICH MAY
 COST AS OUR BUSINESS. WE HAVE BEEN A STAPLE
 IN PASADENA FOR SO LONG, AND OUR PROFIT MARGIN
 IS SO LOW AS IT IS, THAT WE MAY NOT SURVIVE

WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE VOTE NO ON A
 POLYMER BAN IN PASADENA. A PRODUCT THAT IS RECYCLABLE.

Sincerely
 Will Orozco
 626-296-7592

Pasadena City Council,

Teriyaki Madness is a new up and coming business in Pasadena, being a new family owned business polystyrene has been a lot more cost effective. As a new business we depend on polystyrene to hold it's value in this economy. Plastic will only increase our cost and cause our primary form of income to slowly decrease. Now I ask you, why kill our American Dream of owning our own business and building our foundation here in Pasadena, by getting rid of this cost effective product? To be frank, I would not want to start looking for an alternative product, nor would I want to alter my dream of owning a business that can prosper. Which brings me to ask you, please do not ban polystyrene; allow I to be environmentally effective, and live our "m".

Foam can make or break our restaurant.

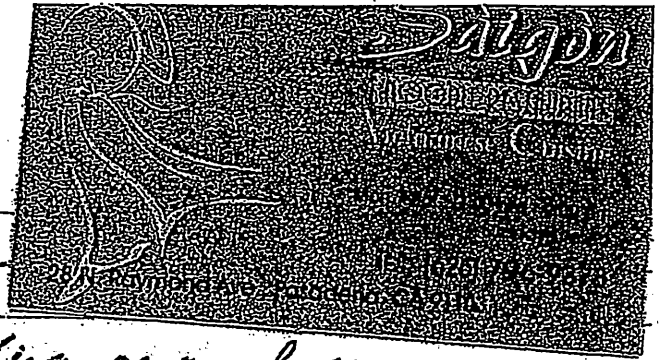
Please don't ban it.

John Serna
4-9-16

Teriyaki Madness

Jannil B. Serna.

(626) 456-4277



Dear members of the city

Soon you will be voting on a foam food service container ban. We believe this type of ban will cause major problems for business owners, small business and our customers in Pasadena for the next 12 years.

We believe that keeping our prices low is what our customers appreciate & are the reason they keep me in business.

The restaurant business is tough, with low profit margins. We serve families who are on a budget & rely on restaurants like ours to provide affordable meals.

If a ban is passed on food containers, I will be forced to increase my prices.

Foam take out containers are the most affordable & effective option for our restaurant. By banning foam, I know my business will severely be impacted.

We ask you to please release us from a ban.

Sincerely,

Taron Garcia

Please invite to meet. We want to know what is going on.



Dear members of the city council

I am a small restaurant owner in Pasadena the name of my business is called La Juice and started my business in 2007 serving the community of Pasadena.

I'm extremely concerned that the new food service containers and caps ban will harm my business. By switching from foam to an alternative product, I will be paying double or triple what I pay now.

I know that our city already has a program to regulate foam products. I believe in protecting small business against unfair laws such as this.

Let improve our recycling program and not punish small business by placing new burdens on us that will make it harder to keep my prices low and customer happy.

Please oppose the ban on food foam containers

We are still here
Please don't forget
us.

[Signature] 2015-10-30
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Nov 03, 2015

Dear Victor Gordo

I know you are considering a ban on foam food containers. Cause major problem and our customer

~~I am asking again not to ban on foam containers. If you do it, I am sure small business we are going to have trouble getting more expensive containers.~~

As independent that keeping my price appreciated at the restaurant by margins. I serve rely on restaurants meals. If a ban is put

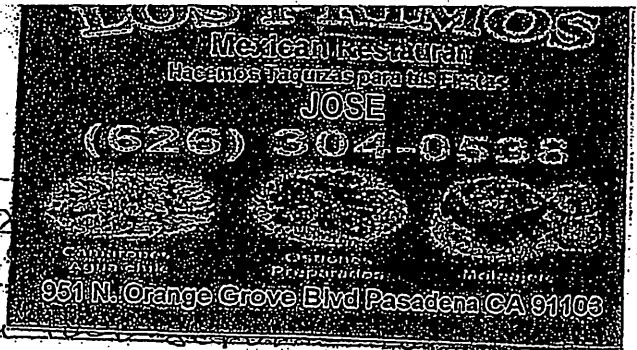
will be forced to increase my prices & that will drive away loyal customers who will be forced to go somewhere with lower quality options.

Foam take out containers are the most affordable & effective option for my restaurant, & therefore the best. By banning foam, I know my business will be severely impacted.

I ask you please vote NO on the foam ban. Pasadena's small business & families are counting on you to do right thing.

Sincerely,
Israel Espinoza

The Rain Coffee Shop
635 N. Lake Ave Pasadena CA
91101



Dear Members of the city

You will be voting on a container ban. I believe this type of ban will cause major problems for business owner like me & our customers in Pasadena.

As an Independent small restaurant owner, I know that keeping my prices low is something my customers appreciate & have kept me in business for the last 17 years in Pasadena.

We use foam container for all of our take out and customers use it / Ask for it when they don't finish their food.

Foam is much cheaper than the other product out on the market. I have seen the prices 4 times higher than what I pay now. Let's try to focus on ways to help small business instead of trying to impose ban on foam that is recyclable already. Let's focus on educating the public on recycling & use it as an educational tool.

Please vote No on the foam small businesses and families to do the right thing

JOSE HERNANDEZ
LOS PRIMOS

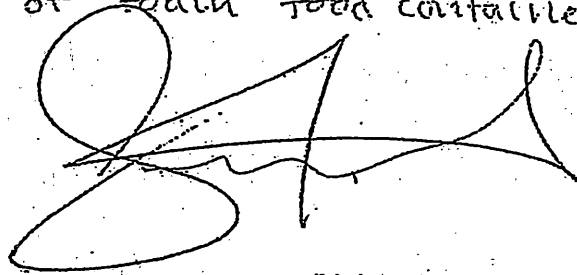
We are still here
Please Don't forget
about us

Jose de Jesus Hernandez

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I have been made aware that you are considering a ban on foam food containers. We rely on these products because they are the best at keeping food hot and drinks cold. They are also the most affordable and that is very important since the restaurant business has small profits. My business would be affected greatly if you were to ban these products. I ask that you please vote NO on a ban of foam food containers.

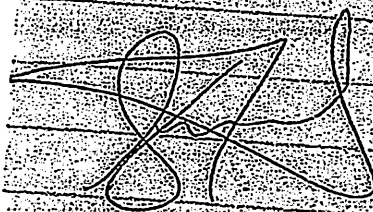
Sincerely,



Dena's Burgers

Please invite us to
these meetings.

Don't forget us.



4-7-16

THIS IS REALLY
IMPORTANT FOR OUR
BUSINESS PLEASE
INVITE US TO THE
MEETINGS

THANK YOU
Wendy

Consejales de Pasadena.

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una ley que
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Mente. dependemos de este
Material. por ser Efectivo. y
Asequible. Mi familia depende
de este negocio. por favor
vote No en esta ley.

Luis F. Heredia.

Chapala Bakery #2.
265 East Orange Grove. Blvd.
Pasadena. C.A. 91104.

For Pasadena City Council,

I understand there are law considering
a ban on foam food togo containers AS a
Small business owner, this ban will cause Severe
problems for small businesses. Keeping expenses cost
low is very important to businesses especially
family run small businesses and this kind of ban
would cause small businesses to close eventually
Please consider one more time and prevent
this ban to be approved.

please vote NO on a foam food container ban.

Thank you.

Whom it may concern,

We, as a restaurant owners, understand

this is very serious matter to all

of us and we still care and

concern about the issue.

Please invite us for a meeting

prevent government or city from

banning foam containers.

Thank you

Sincerely,

Sincerely,

Soojin Kim

1720 N Lake ave #8
Pasadena CA 91104.

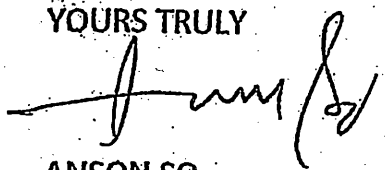
NOVEMBER 2, 2015

PASADENA CITY COUNCIL:

Our restaurant EL POLLO UNICO located at 731 N. Lake Ave Pasadena, CA 91104, has been in business for 30 years, We serve working class families and lower income clientele, the Styrofoam ban that you are proposing will hurt our business, because it is the best and only way to package and keep our CHICKEN hot for hours, since Styrofoam containers are good insulators and cost effective, if we switch to aluminum containers, or other materials, we would have to raise our prices which will affect the low income families,

We the owners of restaurants in PASADENA, strongly urge the City to abandon or cancel the ban on Styrofoam containers.. We need it to survive, RESTAURANTS are extremely regulated, Please do not add one more regulation to an industry that generates revenue for the city.

YOURS TRULY



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THIS MATTER IS
Extremely important
to our business
PLEASE KEEP US
INFORMED ABOUT
future meeting
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October 27, 2015

Dear Pasadena City Council

I have become aware that you are considering a ban on foam food containers. We at Big Mama's Rib Shack depend on foam food containers because they are the most dependable and affordable product for us. We participate in a program that educates our customers on how to recycle their containers when they are finished with them. Small businesses and restaurants have very low profit margins and we feel that a ban would have a devastating impact on our business. If I raise my prices my customers may be forced to go elsewhere.

Please vote NO on any foam food container ban. We are counting on you to do the right thing and support our businesses.

Sincerely,

Big Mama's Rib Shack
By [Signature] - [Signature]

NOTE:

half of our dine in business
take for home & half of our daily
business is to go. So we use foam
in about 75% of our daily business
transactions.

Thank You

Big Mama's

Estimados Consejales de Pasadena,

Evidentemente ustedes estan considerando una ley que prohíbe el uso de embases de poliesterino. Esta ley afectaria a mi negocio demasiado. Mi negocio depende en estos productos porque son lo mejor. Mantienen la comida caliente y no escurre. Tambien son aseguibles y permiten que yo mantenga mis precios bajos. Yo participo en un programa para educar a mis clientes que deberian reciclar los embases despues de usarlos. Por favor voten NO en esta ley.

Gracias

CASIMIRO Cortes
Casimiro Cortes

Pollos Puebla

This is so important
for my business

Our profit margin is
so thin.

CASIMIRO Cortes
Casimiro Cortes

4-7-16

Estimados Consejales de Pasadena,

Yo e estado haciendo negocio en Pasadena desde 1988. Orgullosamente le brindo trabajo a decenas de personas. Entiendo que ustedes piensan prohibir el uso de poliesterino para embases de comida. Esta ley tendria un impacto muy negativo en mi negocio. Yo uso estos productos porque son los mejores. Mantienen la comida caliente tambien por ser asequible yo puedo mantener mis precios bajos. Participo en un programa para educar a mis clientes en como reciclar los embases despues de usarlos. Por favor voten NO en esta ley.

Gracias,

CASIMIRO COSTES
Casimiro Costes

Puebla Tacos #3

Please keep us
informed.

Casimiro Costes
Casimiro Costes

4-7-16

11/20/2015

Dear Pasadena City Council,

We've been in Pasadena for 19 years and we've been using styrofoam the whole time. If you have to change the way we take orders, and that expense to our business have to raise prices that would affect our

banning foam would hurt my Restaurant.
[Signature]
4/8/16

can reconsider banning styrofoam.

Thank you
[Signature]



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Thank you

Dear City Hall,

As a business owner of Sierra Donuts located in Pasadena for almost 24 years we just found out about the recommended relinquishment of foam cup products. We would like for you to reconsider this proposition because this would hinder our economic status during these tough times. As a small business owner and three kids in college, this will greatly affect us. This ban would hurt us as a business and we request for the overturn of this proposal.

Kately

Sierra Donut

Dear City Hall,

As one of the numerous small businesses in the area, I would like to recommend the non-banning of Styrofoam cups because it will have a negative impact on our ability to do business.

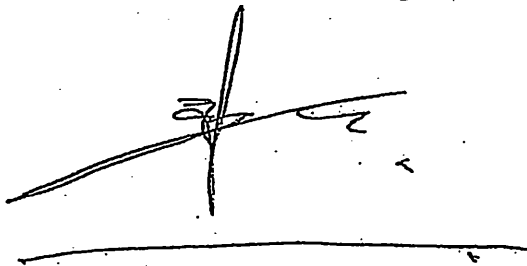
Sierra Donut

Dear Pasadena City Council,

Please vote no on a foam food container ban. Foam food containers are the best for take-out orders because they keep food hot and do not leak. Alternatives are very expensive and would raise my operating costs. The minimum wage is going up among other cost increases. Our business has been a part of Pasadena since 1972. I started working here since 2010 and purchased the restaurant last year. I am committed to keeping The Steer n Ale as a part of Pasadena. Please don't make it harder for us to stay in business.

Sincerely,

Jason Jung



This is very important
of my business please
invite me to the meeting
Jason Jung
from Steer n Ale
#213-435-7339
4/09/16