

Dear City Council,

I am writing you to discuss the ban on foam food containers you are considering. This law would hurt our business because we depend on these containers. They work the best by keeping food hot or cold. They are also affordable which helps me keep my prices low. The restaurant business is tough and we have a low profit margins. I participate in a program to inform my customers on how to recycle their containers when they are done with them. Please vote NO on any ban on foam food containers.

Sincerely,

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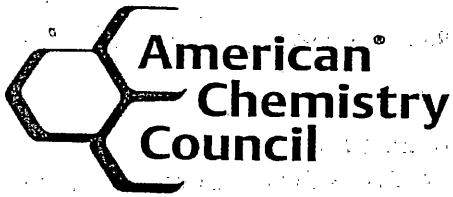
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Plastics Food Service Packaging Group

April 26, 2016

Council Member Margaret McAustin, Chair

Mayor Terry Tornek

Council Member Andy Wilson

Municipal Services Committee

City of Pasadena

100 N Garfield Ave

Pasadena, CA 91109

RE: Zero Waste Strategic Plan proposals to ban specific products - OPPOSE

Dear Municipal Services Committee Members,

The American Chemistry Council (ACC) and its Plastics Foodservice Packaging Group (PFPG) – a national trade association whose membership includes the leading monomer producers, resin suppliers and manufacturers of plastic (take-out) foodservice packaging – appreciate the opportunity to provide the following comments relative to proposed policy recommendations concerning expanded polystyrene (EPS) food service products.

The Plastics Foodservice Packaging Group (PFPG) supports the overall goals embodied in the City's Zero Waste Strategic Plan, to promote reuse, recycling and conservation programs.

While we share the mutual goals of increasing the amount of material diverted from landfill disposal and reducing materials that may be inadvertently littered in the environment, *we respectfully oppose* elements of the Zero Waste Strategic Plan that would restrict safe environmentally sustainable products like expanded polystyrene cups and containers as drafted. In summary, we are opposed because:

- The strategic plan contains several "findings" that are taken out of context and not supported by scientific fact;
- The strategic plan falsely assumes that banning polystyrene packaging material will result in substitute materials being either recycled or composted at a higher rate; and
- The strategic plan overlooks the many environmental, safety and health benefits associated with polystyrene packaging.

Based on our experiences with specific product bans or restrictions, we do not believe that such bans help reduce litter or marine debris or increase recycling in any significant or sustainable way. Simply substituting one food packaging material for another does not address the root cause of litter or marine debris. ACC is committed to working with the Council and city staff to identify and implement solutions that will prevent litter, regardless of the material type. I would like to offer the following comments and observations relative to polystyrene foodservice packaging.

Polystyrene foam, along with bleached coated paperboard, aluminum, glass, plastics or multi-layered materials also used in food service ware in the City of Pasadena, are not a pollutant if they are used and disposed of properly. In our view, there is no environmentally acceptable form of litter and focusing on one specific packaging type falls short of a comprehensive policy that is needed to address litter and marine debris. Banning EPS containers assumes that alternative products are environmentally preferable. This assumption is incorrect. Several independent studies have demonstrated that such a proposal could have significant negative environmental impacts because alternatives such as coated bleached paperboard

and "compostables" generate significantly more greenhouse gas emissions, use more energy and generate more solid waste.

All foodservice products – regardless of the material from which they are made – require the use of various natural resources (i.e. energy, water, etc.) across their product life cycle in the manufacturing process. A 2006 Life Cycle Inventory (LCI) study by Franklin and Associates (<http://www.plasticsfoodservicepackaging.org>) showed that polystyrene foam foodservice products, when compared to other food service containers, are very efficient in terms of minimizing air emissions, energy used in the manufacturing process and in reducing the amount of waterborne waste generated during the manufacturing process. A city policy that would arbitrarily ban one material type without examining or considering the life-cycle impacts of polystyrene manufacturing and falsely assumes that those replacement products are somehow manufactured in a vacuum without the use of any raw materials, energy, or water, fuel to deliver the product, etc. Consider these key facts:

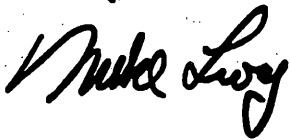
- Polystyrene cups have a lighter footprint than alternatives – **they weigh anywhere from two to five times less than comparable paper packaging products** which means fewer air emissions when transporting products.
- Polystyrene foam products are energy savers. **A polystyrene hot beverage cups requires about 50% LESS energy to produce than a similar plastic-coated paperboard cup with a corrugated cup sleeve.** Decreasing energy usage is considered one way to slow global warming.
- According to Life Cycle Inventory analysis, in most cases the **alternative products studied have environmental burdens that are higher than or comparable to polystyrene foam products.**

Also, an EPS ban would negatively impact many small businesses since alternatives are more expensive than EPS foodservice. This financial impact would be more severe on small restaurants and vendors. Restaurants are being hit by numerous additional costs including the recent increase in minimum wage, health care, workers comp, sick leave and many other local, state and nationally imposed costs. These restaurants survive on razor thin margins and a ban on EPS, which is cost effective and functions better than any alternative, would be yet another increased cost that they'll have to bear. These restaurants are critical to the Pasadena economy. They deserve a well thought out, non-symbolic and truly environmentally beneficial policy from the City.

We encourage the City Council and staff to work with industry, restaurants, recyclers and other stakeholders to educate business and residents about the recyclability of EPS and other products and encourage increases diversion of these already recyclable materials.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our views. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 202-249-6614, or mike_levy@americanchemistry.com.

Sincerely,



Mike Levy, Senior Director
Plastics Foodservice Packaging Group (PFPG)

April 26, 2016

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.

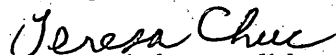
I imagine the children of Pasadena, the age I was decades ago, growing, absorbing, learning. Passing a bill that can ensure that Pasadena be styrofoam free will send a strong message to our youth and to each person, creature, river, ocean that they are important and worth protecting.

Now, we can pay the small price for sustainable options instead of using styrofoam so that our children, their children, the earth and its creatures will not have to pay a more costly price later. What we do in our powers as adults, we communicate to 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.

Three generations of my family live in Pasadena. "Pasadena," the Ojibwa (Chippewa) word for "valley," is a special place with its surrounding mountains and rivers, a place we must protect and keep styrofoam free.

Thank you for listening.

Best regards,



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John F. Kennedy High School

Architecture, Digital Design, Filmmaking Magnet

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The photograph of the albatross

its dead body on the beach
its open stomach
is so beautiful, I could lose myself
in the surrounding wet sand
in the orange, pink, blue, turquoise
of small plastic tubes, shards, strips
like a birthday party blossoming in the body

everything's disintegrated now
except for the bones being
slowly eaten up by seawater,
the plastics, and the flames
of black and white feathers

one side of its head
lying on the sand
I could mistaken it for sleeping
peacefully
or being suspended in dream-sand-flight
I could sink into the dark holes
where its eyes once were
and feel a tinge of infinity.

the vibrant plastic
in its stomach
reminds me of
something joyful
something cut
from a rainbow
something from
some strange world
Alice could fall into
a magical hole
like when
the bird swallowed
and swallowed
joyfully filling its
belly with
our too-human gifts.

By Teresa Mei Chuc

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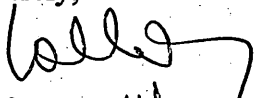
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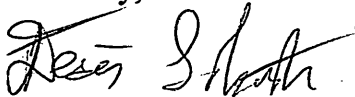
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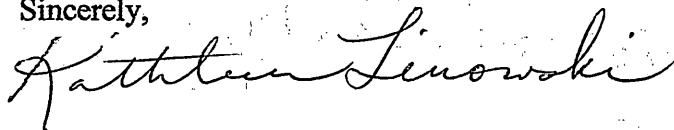
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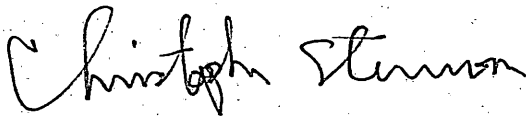
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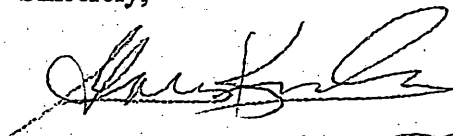
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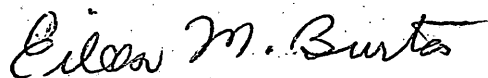
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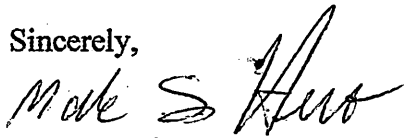
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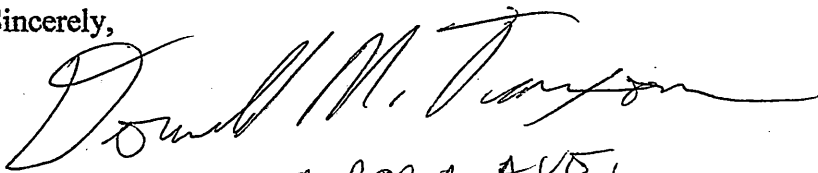
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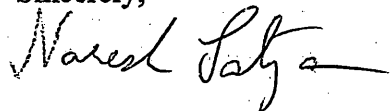
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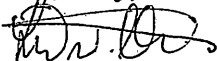
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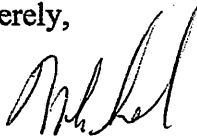
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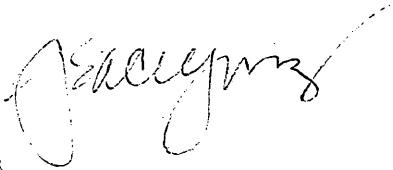
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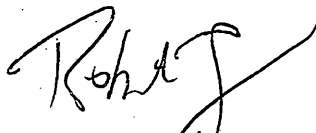
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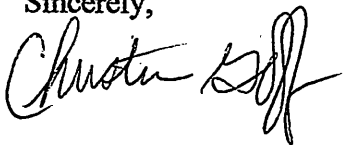
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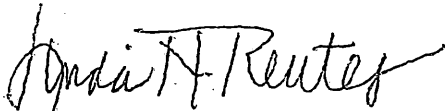
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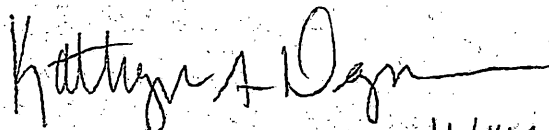
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1035 East Claremont St.
Pasadena, CA 91104

Flores, Valerie

To: Catalina Gonzalez
Subject: RE: MSC Meeting 4/26- Draft Polystyrene Food Packaging Ordinance

From: Catalina Gonzalez [<mailto:catcatcat.alina@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, April 26, 2016 5:09 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

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Esteemed Council Members, Staff, and members of the MSC,

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Thank you

Catalina Gonzalez

231 E. Villa St. Pasadena CA 91101

626.627.5004

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Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to discuss the issue of implementing a law to ban styrofoam use. Laws like these hurt small businesses more than anything else. Small businesses like mine have a very small profit margin. We are able to compete with larger franchises because we are able to cut costs and offer lower priced goods.

My family has been serving Pasadena for over 28 years. My parents has seen kids grow up in this community and have their own kids. Working long hours, 7 days a week, day after day, they were able to put some of their kids through college and pay off their house. To them this was the American Dream: work hard and see something come from it.

Currently, owning a small business is not the same as it once was. With the rise in costs of products, wages, taxes, insurance, etc. profits are smaller than ever. We were lucky to get by with the recent economic crisis. With businesses closing left and right, we struggled to keep our heads above water. If this ban on styrofoam goes into effect, it will cripple small business owners across Pasadena across the board. No longer will working those long hours 7 days a week to barely see any reward for it be worth it.

Thank you for taking the time out to hear what I have to say.

B.C.'s Donuts

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