

ON THE PLAZA

Jan 5, 2016

300 N. LAKE AVE. #110
PASADENA, CA 91101
TEL. 626.449.7625

TOM & FRANCIÉ TATE

TO: Pasadena City Council,
FROM: Tom Tate Pasadena Ca.

I am strongly urging you to vote "NO" on the Polystyrene bill. many years ago I thought I would upgrade our drip coffee cups to paper like we use on our espresso drinks. After one month our customers insisted we switch back. with the paper cups you need 1 ~~to~~ or 2 sleeves with each cup. Also the paper cup allowed their coffee to cool down faster. I also know the cup per each customer is 8 to 11 cents more with the paper cup + sleeve. Thank you for your sincere consideration in this matter.

Sincerely
Tom Tate

1/7/16

To Whom it May Concern

We at Bonnie B's Smoking Realty
would be at a loss if Styrofoam containers
were banned here in the city of Pasadena
because we use it in abundance everyday.
So we would not like to see a ban on styrofoam
here even though the environment could use it
not being around. My name is Jimmy Moore
a manager here at Bonnie B's

323 247 0462 cell
626 794 0132

Dear Pasadena City Council,

As a business owner and a member of the Pasadena community, I urge you to vote "NO" on the ban of styrofoam in small business. Our main source of containing our food is through the usage of the highly convenient styrofoam containers. It would deeply hurt and possibly alter the future of our business. Also many of our customers are city workers and construction workers who help build this community and they prefer the "to-go" boxes to save the meal for a future time. Our establishment Super Burger respects the usage of the recyclable and efficient styrofoam cases. So please reconsider on banning the use of styrofoam cases to help the community and small businesses.

Sincerely,

Kevin Khe

Super Burger
Fin K

11-00-15

Pasadena City Council,

Le estoy escribiendo esta carta por la razón de que quieren prohibir el uso de poliesterino por restaurantes en Pasadena.

Soy dueño de un pequeño negocio y nos afectaría gravemente en nuestra economía el cambio. La mayoría de nuestros clientes piden comida para llevar.

Por favor le pedimos que voten NO en la ley para prohibir el uso de polisterino para poder continuar con mi negocio.

Sinceramente, *Marcos Cortez*

Puebla Tacos 2
1819 E Villa St
Pasadena, CA 91107
626-793-1083

11-05-2015

PASADENA CITY COUNCIL

LE ESTOY ESCRIBIENDO ESTA CARTA POR LA RAZON DE QUE QUIEREN PROHIBIR EL USO DE POLYSTIRENE EN LA CIUDAD DE PASADENA,

SOY DUEÑO DE UN PEQUEÑO NEGOCIO Y NOS AFECTARIA GRANDISIMAMENTE EN NUESTRA ECONOMIA EL CAMBIO YA QUE NUESTROS CLIENTES EN SU MAYORIA PIDEN SU COMIDA PARA LLEVAR :-

POR FAVOR LE PEDIMOS VOTAR NO EN LA LEY POLYSTIRENE BAN. PARA PODER CONTINUAR CON MI PEQUEÑO NEGOCIO

SINCERAMENTE

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296 N. Allen Ave. #1 Pasadena CA, 91106
Mon-Sat 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Sun- 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
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Olamiro's
RESTAURANT
MEXICAN FOOD

Estimados Consejal de pasadena.

- Me e. dado cuenta que estan
Considerando una ley que prohíbe
el huso del polistorino o (Styro foam).
Nosotros dependemos de Este producto
Por la rason que es un producto efectivo
Y mantiene la Comida Caliente, y es
Un producto economico, y nos permite
mantener los precios bajos para las
familias. Si Esta ley pasa nos afectaria
en nuestro negocio. por favor vota
no a cualquier ley que nos prohíba
Usar estos productos

Cristal Lopez.

Alego el Sabon
1368 N. Lake Ave.
Pasadena CA 91104

Cristal Lopez
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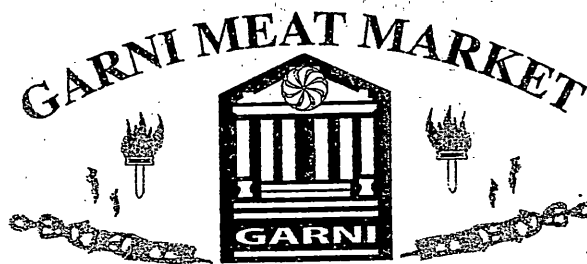
Pasadena City Council,

I am the owner of Garni Meat Market. We have been in business for 19 years and people from all over Southern California come to buy food at our market.

We are concerned about the polystyrene ban you are thinking of passing. Polystyrene works great and is the most affordable. We would lose revenue if we had to stop using polystyrene. We already pay so many bills and an additional cost will hurt our business.

Please vote no to not ban polystyrene to-go containers to protect my family business.

Thank you, Tina Khachoyan



1715 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91104
626. 798.2676

11/17/15

Querido Concejal de Pasadena,

Mi nombre es Efraim y soy el dueño de Rosarito Mexican Fast Food. Rosarito tiene 32 años en Pasadena y somos parte de esta comunidad.

Me dio cuenta que el concejal está pensando prohibir el uso de foam en Pasadena. Y esto me afectaría con el económico. Me afectaría porque costaría más comprar otro tipo de material y así tal vez tendría que cortar horas de mis empleos. Y también afectaría mis productos porque los demás no funcionan tanto como el foam.

Por favor, vote "no" en este voto para prohibir el uso de foam en restaurantes en Pasadena.

Sinceramente,

Efraim Zúñiga



11-10-15

Dear City Council,

I am writing you on behalf of Panos Bakery.

We are a family owned business here

in Pasadena for 40+ years and have

been using the Polystyrene Containers

without any issues for years. We are a

staple in this community and have never

had anyone complain that it's a health

hazard or issue for our environment. It's

the small businesses here in Pasadena that

pay our taxes and fees and somehow this

is going to affect us. This is insane.

What you need to be doing, and I don't

think I should tell you how to run your

business, is to go after the large corporations

that sell more than us small businesses and

→

ask them to stop using the foam containers.

We do not tell you how to run the Council's business, therefore don't feel the need that you need to tell us to stop.

Please take in consideration the amount of money this will cost us small business owners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

Christine Kalindjian

818-331-2338

Panos Bakery

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am writing to you on behalf of Argentina Market. I am very concerned about the upcoming polystyrene ban. We have been in business since 1979 and have used polystyrene to-go containers all these years. A ban in these to-go containers could break our business. Alternatives are dramatically more expensive and if we were forced to pay more for to go containers we will undoubtedly loose profit, loose customers and potentially go out of business. We are a staple in this community and our customers rely on us.

Please vote no on a polystyrene ban for small restaurants.

Sincerely,

GARY (Ethan) owner.

Phone (626) 449-0980

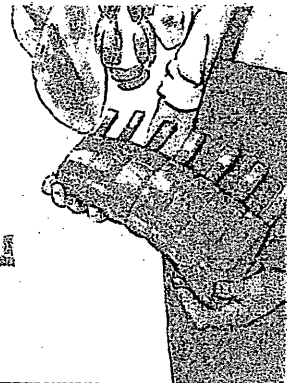
11-4-2015

PH: (626) 449-0980
FAX: (626) 449-7235

Hot Food to Go, Fresh Meat Cut to Order
Ice Cold Beer, and Fresh Produce

ARGENTINA MARKET & DELI

1272 E. VILLA STREET
PASADENA, CA 91106



Dear City Council Member,

I am writing to address the issue of implementing a law to ban styrofoam use. If this ban on styrofoam goes into full effect, it will cripple small businesses all across not only Pasadena, but California. Working long hours, seven days a week will no longer be enough to keep the business alive. My family has been serving Pasadena for a long period of time and it hasn't been the easiest, following the economic crisis, however we've managed to survive thankfully. As you know, owning a small business currently is not the same as it once was. With the rise in the cost of products, wages, taxes, etc. profits are a lot smaller. We eagerly ask to not have this law pass through in order for all survival of small business owners.

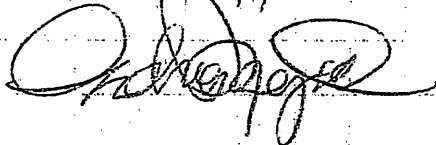
Thank you for taking the time to read this letter.

Raffis Catering and Banquet

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I have become aware that you are considering a ban on foam food containers. We rely on foam food containers to keep food hot or cold. They are also reliable because they do not become oversaturated and do not leak. They perform the best of all products available. Foam food containers are also affordable and help us keep our prices low. Families depend on us to keep our restaurant affordable. A ban would hurt us and our staff. Please vote NO on any foam food container ban.

Sincerely,



Andrea Mejia

Ranchero Mexican Restaurant
2663 Boothill Blvd
Pasadena Ca 91107

Dear Pasadena City Council,

As a business owner and a member of the Pasadena community, I urge you to vote "NO" on the ban of styrofoam in small businesses. Our main source of containing our food is through the usage of the highly convenient styrofoam containers. It would deeply hurt and possibly alter the future of our business. Also many of our customers are city workers and construction workers who help build this community and they prefer the "to-go" boxes to save the meal for a future time. Our establishment Super Burger respects the usage of the recyclable and efficient styrofoam cases. So please reconsider on banning the use of styrofoam cases to help the community and small businesses.

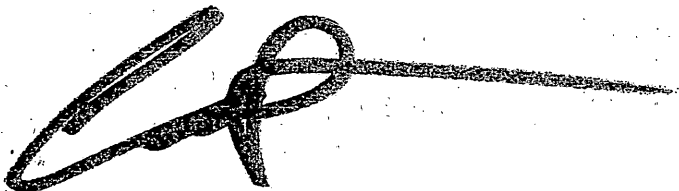
Sincerely,

Kevin Kke

Super Burger
Fin K

Dear Pasadena City ,

Hello I'm the catering and concessions manager at Robin's Woodfire BBQ, at 395 N. Rosemead Pasadena CA 90017. Working concessions at the rosebowl stadium i was made aware that they ban all use of foam products . We are now not allowed to use foam products even though its a much more affordable and effective way of severing food to are loyal customers. We have been in business for 34 years in beautiful east Pasadena, and is here to stay. Having this ban will increase are foodservice cost.



Thank You

12/3/15

Cam Di Masi

Robin's Woodfire BBQ

395 N. Rosemead Pasadena

CA 90017



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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Huiira Han, I am a manager at Shogun Restaurant, located in 470 N. Halstead street, Pasadena. I was informed that the city is banning Styrofoam take out containers, and I am writing to express my opinion.

Plastic and paper containers cost so much more than Styrofoam containers and it does not keep the foods warm.

We are the small business restaurant and changing plastic or paper take out containers will impact us financially.

Thank you for consideration.

Sincerely,

Huiira Han

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I understand that you are considering a ban of foam food containers. This would be a big problem for businesses like mine.

As an independent small restaurant owner, I know that keeping my prices low is something my customers appreciate and the reason they keep me in business. The restaurant business is tough with low profit margins. I serve families who are on a budget and rely on restaurants like mine to provide affordable meals. If a ban is passed on food containers, I will be forced to increase my prices and that will drive away loyal customers who will be forced to go somewhere with lower quality options.

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

I ask that you vote NO on a foam ban.
Esthela Bogja Rio Meat Market & Restaurant
Sincerely,



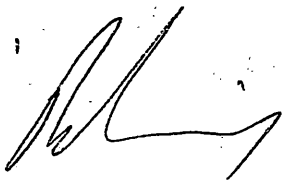
P.
Rio Meat Market & Restaurant
2029 N Fair Oak Ave
Pasadena CA 91103

Dear Pasadena City Council,

It has come to my attention that you are considering a ban on foam food containers.

My business relies on these containers because they work the best to keep food hot. They are also more affordable and help me keep my prices affordable for families. The city should continue to recycle these containers. I am facing a minimum wage increase among other rising costs. Please don't add another costly burden to our business and vote NO on this ban.

Sincerely,



Bobby's Place

Dear Pasadena City Council,

The restaurant business is tough. We have low profit margins and are dealing with an economy that is barely recovering. We have been in business for 12 years, much of that time was in the middle of a bad economy. We rely on foam food containers because they keep hot food hot and cold drinks cold. Foam food containers are very affordable and they help us provide competitive prices for our customers. I understand that you are considering a ban on foam containers. Please vote NO! We participate in a program to educate our customers on recycling their containers after they finish with them.

Sincerely,



Bernardo Godoy
Cabrerias Mexican Cuisine

kathleen's

RESTAURANT

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595 North Lake Ave. • Pasadena, California 91101
(626) 579-0722

NOV. 3, 2015

TO: City of Pasadena / City Council

We are an independently owned, small business established in Pasadena in 1982. We have used styrofoam containers for our Restaurant for almost 34 years to pack take-out orders or for customers to pack their leftovers. It would be an extreme financial hardship if we were forced to use much more expensive TO GO boxes and containers, as we are in a constant struggle to make ends meet. Another consideration -- they are user-friendly!

Thank you for listening to our point of view.

Owners:

Kathleen Meynarian

+
Etren Bugarin

Kathleen's Restaurant
(626) 578-0722

OCT 27, 2015

DEAN, PASADENA CITY COUNCIL

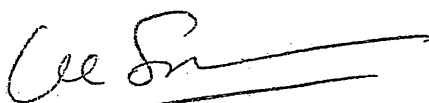
- I AM A SMALL BUSINESS RESTAURANT
(LOUISIANA FRIED CHICKEN) AND

I AM AWARE THAT YOU ARE
GOING TO BAN ON USING FOAM FOOD
CONTAINER. THEY ARE CHEAP PRICE
FOR US TO USE.

IF WE CHANGE TO USE FOAM
CONTAINER AND USE OTHER MATERIAL
THE COST MAY BE MORE AND WE HAVE
TO RAISE OUR PRICE OUR CUSTOMER
MIGHT GO OTHER PLACES.

PLEASE VOTE NO ON ANY FOAM
FOOD CONTAINER BAN. WE ARE
COUNTING ON YOU TO DO THE RIGHT
THING AND SUPPORT OUR BUSINESS.

SINCERELY


CAVANA LEE

Dear Pasadena City Council,

A ban of foam food containers is being considered for the city of Pasadena. Unfortunately this would have a very bad impact on my business. My customers rely on me to keep prices affordable. Nothing keeps food as hot or cold like foam. It is the best product for this reason and it is also very affordable. I am happy to inform my customers to recycle their empty food containers. Please help me stay in business and vote NO on the ban.

Sincerely,

SUN YE CHOE

The Fishery h y d r

Estimados Concejales de Pasadena,

Se me a informado que ustedes estan pensando en pasar una ley que prohíba el uso de poliestireno. Mi negocio depende en estos productos porque son los mejores por mantener las comidas y bebidas calientes o frias. Tambien son las opciones mas economicas que nos ayuda mantener nuestros precios bajos para poder competir. El negocio de restaurantes es dificil con pocas ganancias. Por favor no pasen esta ley que nos daña demasiado.

Gracias,

EISY REYES

Eisy Reyes.

MARI + ZOS RESTAURANTE.
626 5359595.

October 1917

To the Honorable
Committee on Education

and
the Honorable
Commissioner of Education

of the State of New York

in answer to a resolution
passed by the Senate
on June 15, 1917

relating to the
report of the
Commissioner of Education
on the subject of
the reorganization of
the State Board of
Education

ALBANY: J.B. LIPPINCOTT COMPANY, 1917.

Estimados Concejales de Pasadena,

Se me a informado que ustedes estan considerando una nueva ley que no nos permitira usar los embares de poliestireno. Esta ley dañaria a mi negocio bastante, ya que la ganancias en los restaurantes son muy leves. Hemos sufrido por una economia pobre y pronto tendremos que ofrecer aumentos de sceldo. Al agregar otro gasto la ciudad estaria haciendonos un gran daño. Por favor voten NO en cualquier ley que nos prohiba usar estos productos.

Gracias,

Martha E. Gonzalez

Tummy's Restunt

843 E Orange Grove
Pasadena CA 91104

Avanti
cafe

Dec. 6th, 2015

To: Pasadena City Council

I was notified that Pasadena City Council is considering the ban of using foam containers which is normally used for food packaging.

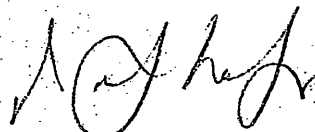
Passage of this ordinance would impose hardship on restaurants and cause costly adjustment to go to non foam products. Foam containers provide very good insulation to maintain the food temperature. They are very cost effective and may be recycled as well.

Please consider the financial impact this would create on restaurants especially when minimum wage increase is implemented soon.

Hopefully city council would reject this proposal.

Thanking you in advance,

Respectfully

Bobby Ghofranian 

111 N. Lake Avenue Pasadena, CA 91101 Tel. (818) 026

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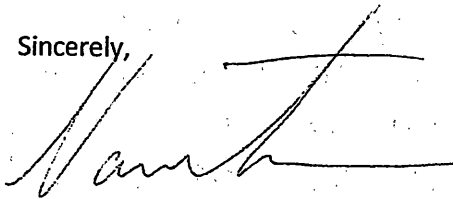
Dear Pasadena City Consul

I am very concerned that you are considering a ban on foam food containers, My Business, U PICK Café (kabob and wraps) depend on these kind of containers to work best, keep the food warm and cold. We participate in a program to educate our customers to recycle the containers when they are done with the food.

The foam containers are priced reasonable and they are recyclable, With the economy and wages going up it would be hard for us to worry about more cost. It would be very hard for our business survive with all the cost rising up.

Please Vote NO on a foam food container ban.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arin Navasartian', written over a horizontal line.

Arin Navasartian

U Pick Café

720 N Lake Ave #9

Pasadena CA 91104

Estimados Consejales,

Entiendo de que ustedes están considerando una ley que prohíbe el uso de embases de poliestireno para comidas preparadas. Espero que ustedes consideren que leyes como esta tendrán un impacto negativo para negocios como el mío. Yo y mi familia dependemos de este negocio. Usamos estos productos porque funcionan mejor para mantener las temperaturas de las comidas que vendemos. Es asequible y nos permite mantener nuestros precios bajos para familias. Estoy dispuesto de educar a mis clientes en como reciclar sus embases al terminar con ellos. Por favor voten NO en esta ley.

Sinceramente,

Margot Pina

Puebla Tacos #1
FOOD WARE



Dear members of the City Council,

I own a small business in the city of Pasadena for the last 7+ years in Colorado Blvd Called 1810 Argentinian Restaurant. Soon you will be voting of a foam ban. I am extremely concerned that you would consider putting a ban on foam service containers. I believe this type of band will cause major problems for businesses and owners like me and our customers in Pasadena.

With increases to minimum wage and California sales tax I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging as a restaurant in Pasadena.

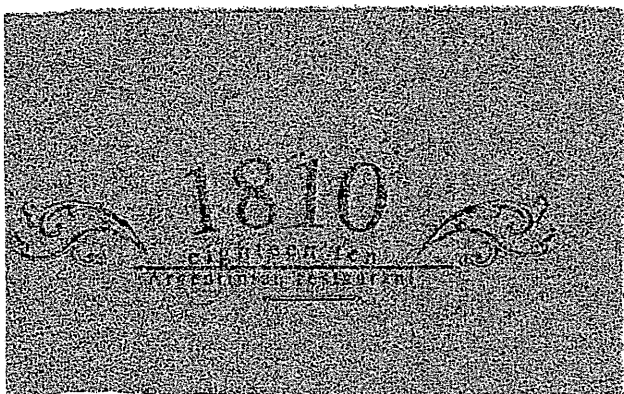
We use foam for all of our take-out orders and when guests take their left overs home. The other products are more expensive and do not keep food warm like foam.

Foam takeout containers are the most affordable and effective option for my business. I ask you to please vote no on the phone ban Pasadena small businesses are counting on you. I know that Pasadena currently has a program to recycle foam so I ask that you focus on improving our recycling program instead of banning and punishing small businesses in Pasadena.

Sincerely,



MARCELO SALA



Dear Members of the Council,

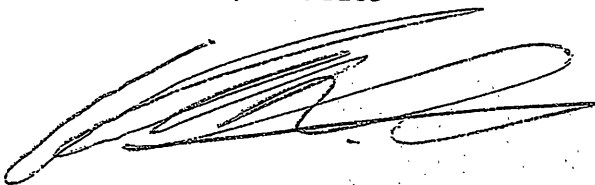
Father Nature Lavash Wraps has been a successful restaurant establishment in Pasadena for over twenty years now. We have been in the restaurant business for over thirty. Styrofoam has been used at our establishment during this time, remaining to be the most cost efficient way to serve several of our foods. When we opened our grab-and-go style restaurant in Pasadena in 1995, the need for Styrofoam products became even more essential. This way we kept our supply costs down contributing to the quality of our food, and compensation for our employees to remain high. Our main goals as a restaurant business is to keep our quality consistent, customer service prevalent, and customers satisfied. Even more important is to have all three of these factors working together at all times to avoid showing strength in one or two departments but weakness in the other(s).

My main concern is to have you understand how pertinent it is for a restaurant owner to use every means necessary to run a cost effective business. Styrofoam continues to be a go-to supply product for restaurants just starting off, or ones like Father Nature Lavash Wraps who have been in business for over thirty years. One thing we know here at Father Nature is that the taste buds do not lie. We have continuously improved the quality of our food and have maintained a great reputation throughout Pasadena for several years. The year 2015 has been a very successful and progressive year for Father Nature Lavash Wraps and we plan on continued growth and change through the many years to come. But one thing we would like to keep are our Styrofoam container supplies. Keeping costs to a minimum is a key factor to running a successful restaurant business in a busy and expensive area such as Old Pasadena. Another key factor to satisfying clientele is to keep the quality of food high. This is the reason I believe this formula has worked for us in the past, will continue to work for us in the present and the many years to come.

Sincerely,

Varak Sossikian
Owner/Manager

Father Nature Lavash Wraps
17 North De Lacey Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103



Dec 2, 2015

Dear members of the City Council,

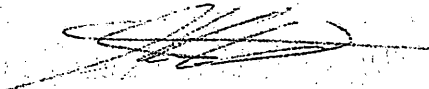
Hello. Let me introduce myself. My name is Julie Ahn, and I am the owner of Vince's Deli, here in Pasadena. I have owned the business for more than 13 years and am proud to be part of the Pasadena small business owners' community. But I am writing you today because I would like to express my concern regarding the ban on foam service containers.

As a small sandwich shop, we pride ourselves on being able to provide our customers fresh, quality ingredients without having to break the bank. But over the years, with the costs of ingredients continuing to increase, in order to stay competitive, I have not been able to reflect the increase in cost to my customers. This means I have been having to absorb the difference myself, making my small margin even smaller.

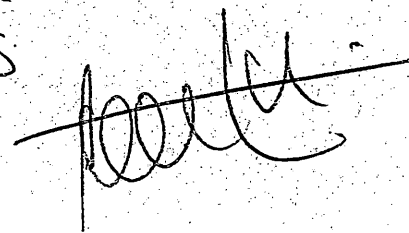
Using foam takeout containers is the most economic choice for my business, as well as many other small businesses. If banned, I will be forced to increase costs to my customers, stripping my business and the customers of what we pride ourselves with the most. With foam containers being recyclable, instead of banning the use of them, I urge you to help increase awareness and improve the recycling program. Pasadena small business owners, as well as all of our customers, will thank you for it.

Sincerely,

Julie Ahn

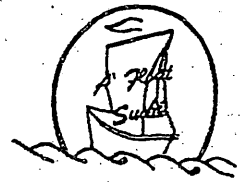


WE ARE STILL
HERE
PLEASE DON'T
FORGET ABOUT
US



A'Float Sushi

Japanese Restaurant



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Dear Members of the City Council,

We are a small restaurant in the City of Pa
We have been here for the last 19 years

We are extremely concerned that you would
putting a ban on foam food service container.
this type of ban will cause major problems
owners like me and our customers in Pasadena.

87 E. Colorado Blvd.
Pasadena (Old Town), CA 91105
Tel: (626) 792-9779
Fax: (626) 792-1255
(90 Mins. Free Parking at Green St.
& Raymond St. Structure)

As a sushi restaurant we use foam containers because we
use/serve raw fish. Foam keeps our product cold and prevent
airborne illness from spreading.

Foam take out containers are the most affordable + effective
option for our restaurant. I will be forced to increase my
prices and customers will go elsewhere.

We ask you to please vote NO on the foam ban.
Pasadena's Small business are counting on you.

We also ask that you focus on a recycle program instead of a ban

Sincerely, Julie Lu

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am a Pasadena resident and in business for the past 10 years. I spend every available minute I have at my business, serving my customers, and supervising my employees.

I'm extremely concerned that the food service container + cup ban will put me out of business. By switching from foam to an alternative product, I will be paying double or triple what I pay now.

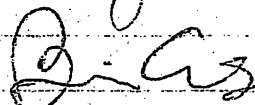
With increases to the minimum wage + CA sales tax, I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging.

I know that our city already has a program to recycle foam products. I believe in protecting the environment + our beaches, but we also need to protect the small business that are the back bone of our city.

Please focus on working to improve our recycling program rather than punishing small business + placing new burdens on us.

Please oppose the ban on foam food containers.

Sincerely,



Briana Cabrera

Barney's Beanery? As Billiards

General Mgr

10710.405.9777

brnacabrera@barneysbeanery.com

Dear Members of the City Council,

Soon you will be voting on a Food Service container ban. We have been in business in Pasadena over 10 years. We believe this type of ban is unjust to small business.

Keeping my prices low is something my customers appreciate and the reason they keep us in business. Food foam containers keep our food warm and make it easy to for our guests to use as take out without the fear of spilling or arriving home with cold food.

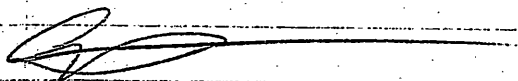
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By banning foam, I know my business will be severely impacted.

I ask you to please vote No on the foam ban Pasadena. Small business are counting on you to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Sean LY



bean sprouts. 8.95
Joy Beef Stew Ram
Mi Ramen Bo
inks of beef bean
broth. 8.95
Tonkotsu
no Soup
serv

From: W. KK2 Fish & Grill

Dear Members of the City Council,

I am a Pasadena resident and a small restaurant owner for the past one years. My restaurant is my life. I spend every available minute I have at my business, serving my customers, and supervising my employees. And I have to be there all the time because I need to make sure it pays the bills and can support my family.

I'm extremely concerned that the new foodservice container and cup ban will put me out of business. By switching from foam to an alternative product, I will be paying double or triple what I pay now.

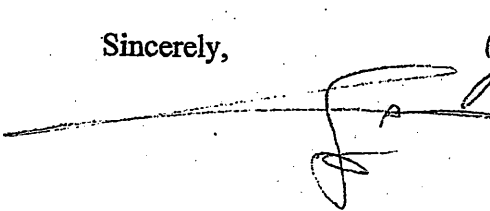
With increases to the minimum wage and California sales tax, I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging.

I know that our City already has a program to recycling foam products. I believe in protecting the environment and our beaches, but we also need to protect the small businesses that are the backbone of our City.

Please focus on working to improve our recycling program and punish those who litter, rather than punishing small businesses and placing new burdens on us that will make it harder to survive.

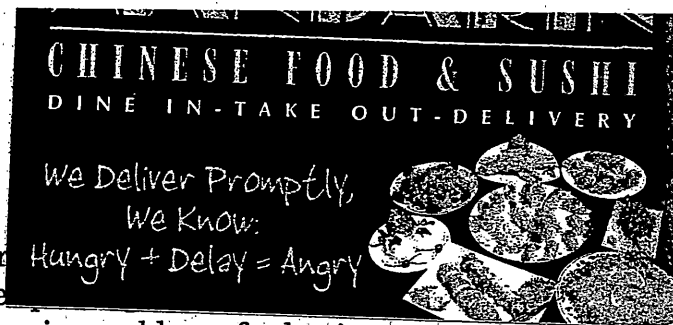
My employees and my family are counting on me to stay in business, and I am counting on you to help make sure that happens. Please oppose the ban on foam food containers.

Sincerely,

 Hadi (626) 4400100

Dear members of the City Council,

I own a small business in the city of Pasadena for
I am extremely concerned that you would consider
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owners like me and our customers in Pasadena.

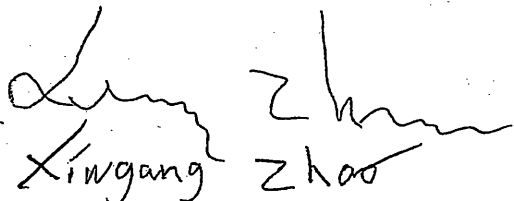


With increases to minimum wage and California sales tax I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging especially in this economy.

We use foam for all of our take-out orders and when guests take their left overs home. The other products are more expensive and I will be forced to increase my prices.

Foam takeout containers are the most affordable and effective option for my business. I ask you to please vote no on the phone ban Pasadena small businesses are counting on you. We also ask that you focus on improving our recycling program instead of banning and punishing small businesses in Pasadena.

Sincerely,


Xingang Zhao

Mandarin Chinese Food and Sushi

To: Members of City Council

We have been here in Pasadena
23 years. We have been using
stero foam containers. They help
keep our costs down.

We are extremely concerned
if there is a ban on foam
containers. Our cost will
significantly go up. Please
reconsider.



Reginald
WDP Inc

R. Sandoz

Row Sandoz

Dear members of the City Council,

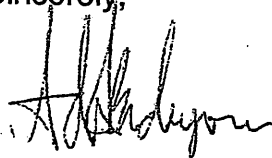
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Sincerely,



Halfsies Bistro and Bakery

ADI BUDNOWA

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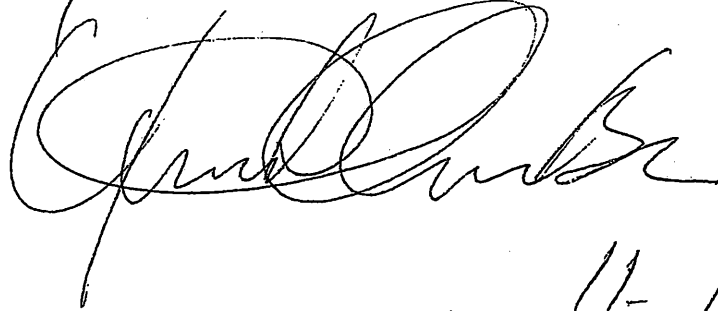
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Foam containers are a much better products that keep food at the right temperature.

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We also ask that you focus on improving our recycling program instead of banning and punishing small businesses in Pasadena.

Sincerely,

Younk Chan Be


Tastees Donut + Burger 11-12-2015

LOS TACOS
1 W. California Blvd. Suite 211
Pasadena, CA. 91105
(626) 795-9291

12-04-15

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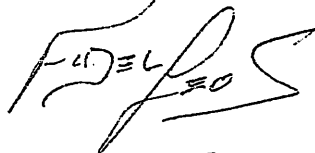
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Sincerely, FIDEL LEOS



OWNER



November 12, 2015

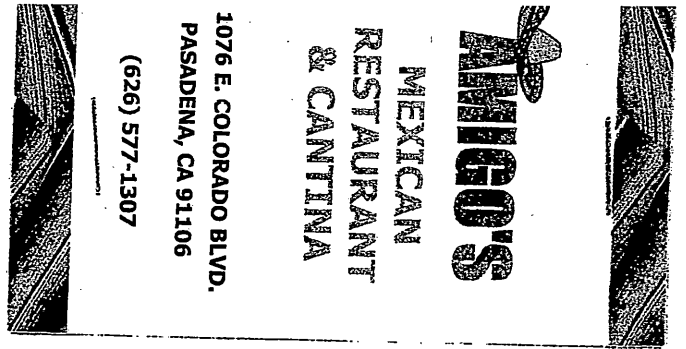
To Whom It May Concern: Polystyrene Ban

I would like to share my concerns regarding a proposed polystyrene ban being considered in Pasadena. With the recycling program underway it would make sense to see if that program is effective before moving to an outright ban. Furthermore, the cost and convenience of styrofoam is a plus for the operator as well as the consumer. One size can be used for hot and cold products. They are convenient to store and relatively cheap. I have looked into replacement products. I will need several additional items to replace what one or two now are able to do. The cost factor based on our usage is about \$150.00 per month. With the recent cost of paid sick leave, \$1000.00 per month, and discussions ongoing about a minimum wage increase beyond the \$1.00 per hour going into affect on January 1, 2016. a cost of \$1400.00 per month, any increase in the cost of business is magnified. I urge the committee to give the recycling program a chance for success. As more consumers become aware of the program, the more it will become part of their daily routine.

Michael Osborn, Owner, Pie 'N Burger

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Michael Osborn', written over a horizontal line.

May 15, 2015



Dear Pasadena City Council Members:

Like other restaurant owners in Pasadena, I have recently learned of a proposed initiative calling for a ban on all styrofoam products. I am the owner of Amigo's Restaurant in Pasadena. We use styrofoam products everyday in our restaurant. There are no other alternatives that work as well as our styrofoam products. I am asking that you don't ban products made from styrofoam.

Thank you.

FOR: Paul Zuniga



November 12, 2015

To: Pasadena City Council

To whom it may concern,

My name is Abel R. Ramirez and I am the owner of El Portal Restaurant in Pasadena. I am concerned about the Styrofoam ban the city is trying to impose.

Getting rid of Styrofoam is definitely not cost effective to those of us in the restaurant industry. In passing this rule we would have to completely revamp our practice of "To Go" items. Styrofoam is totally recyclable and it is doable but the city is not willing to continue recycling it. It feels that it is also targeting restaurants as Styrofoam will still be sold to consumers in the form of containers, cups and plates which are readily available at most grocery and big box stores. Styrofoam containers that are used by us are better for food than other options which could absorb any moisture of the food and collapse, plus the cost difference is more than we can absorb thus causing us to have to raise our prices.

Please reconsider the passing of this rule.

Sincerely,



Abel R. Ramirez

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In the Playhouse District

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11/13/15.

Dear city council members,

My name is Laurie Langevin I'm the owner of green street Taqueria. We have been in business here in Pasadena for the last 15 years. every year we encounter new rules and regulations that make it real hard for a small business like mine to stay afloat.

with this new proposed styro foam ban it really going to hurt my business that consists of 65% take out.

~~The~~ if this ban is passed, it will put my business in a real hardship please consider the small businesses before you vote on this matter.

sincerely,

Laurie Langevin
President

(626) 376-1622

TO WINON IT CONCERNS:

My thought with this process
I totally understand Everyone's concern,
however the Foam Food containers are
already recycleable. They have been
recycleable for a long time now!
The costs to me would be very much
higher if we have to change. Please
let me know if you want to
test our containers. Like I said
they are already recycleable

Thanks for your consideration.
Dan Tarantino
Owner Tarantino's
Pizzeria

Tarantino's



784 E. Green Pasadena CA 91101-2118

Phone (626) 796-7836

Fax (626) 796-7928

www.tarantinopasadena.com

11/12/15

My Name is James Kany
I'm the OWNER OF SUSHI OF NAPLES.
My restaurant USES Styrofoam Food
containers because it's the Best
Products to keep Food hot for
my customer that want to order
take out.

Please consider the small business
owner we contribute so much
to the city's economy and forcing
us to change to an alternative
product will really hurt my
business.



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November 13, 2015



MATSURI
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Pasadena, CA 91106
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Fax : (626) 844-2920
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To Pasadena City Council:

My name is Shinji Tosa I am the general manager Matsuri Japanese Restaurant in Pasadena.

I have recently learned that Pasadena City Council is proposing a ban on styrofoam food containers for restaurants Only. I feel that this ban is simply uncalled for since styrofoam itself can be recycled. Why is it that we as a city are so quick to ban items rather than to find a way do deal with the root of the problem which is litter. What is going to keep people coming into the city that bring in styrofoam and decide to toss it is the trash or even worse in the streets for doing so?

I think that the city needs to spend more of its effort in educating the public to not litter and to recycle.

Styrofoam is a product that for restaurant simply makes sense; its cost effective and the best to keep foods hot or cold without having to have 2 Different products.

I urge the city council to consider the small businesses specially restaurants like ours that already have so much working against them... Insurance cost, minimum wage increase, food cost that continue to go up and rents that here in the city are sky high.

Please don't put our business at a disadvantage by allowing this ban to pass.

Sincerely,



Shinji Tosa

November 13, 2015

To Pasadena City Council:



My name is Yesenia Ramirez and I am the owner of Andy's Coffee Shop in Pasadena.

I am opposed to the styrofoam ban which the city attempts to impose, for several reasons. As a business owner, I feel that this ban puts a disadvantage on businesses because styrofoam will still be available and for sale to the public, but not for restaurants like mine.

This is unfair because styrofoam is what most restaurants use for "to go" orders. Styrofoam is cost effective and is better and safer for food storage than other alternatives. Styrofoam is recyclable, so there is no need to place a ban on it.

Getting rid of it will only create more costs for local businesses and in turn cause us to have to raise prices.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yesenia Ramirez", written over a horizontal line.

Yesenia Ramirez

Nov. 11th, 2015
Hi.

My name is James Nava - son of the
owner of Javier's Mexican Food in
PCC.

As a small restaurant and an actual family
run business, our restaurant in Killeen
would suffer financially were this ban to
come with effects of some, styrofoam has over
the years garnered a bad reputation, but it has
come to my attention that certain paper cups
lined w/ wax on the inside ~~are~~ also pose
certain environmental concerns, shall we also
ban paper cups? - resorting then to glass
cups which require washing amidst a drought
in CA?

To be frank, I don't know much about the
issue - I don't know the arguments in favor
of banning styrofoam. All I know is it
would require us to switch to more
expensive packaging - resulting in price increases and
possibly hurting our sales.

This is the perspective from which I speak, and
I'm sure that I appear this way.

In my case - Thank You,
James Nava
1543 E Colorado Blvd

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am very concerned that you are considering a ban on foam food containers. My business, Midori Teriyaki and Sushi, depends on these containers. They work best for keeping food hot or cold. I participate in a program to educate my customers how to recycle their containers when they are finished with them. We have been struggling with a bad economy, are facing minimum wage increases, and now must worry about this added cost. I worry my business will not survive. Please vote **NO** on a foam food container ban.

Sincerely,

Jae Y. Lee

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Midori

93 N. Lake Ave

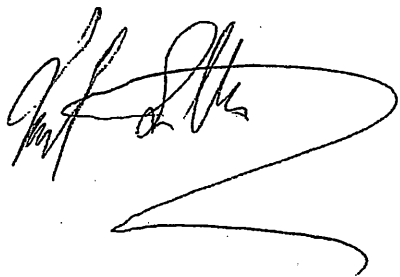
Pasadena, Ca. 91101

Dear Pasadena City Council,

I understand that you are considering a ban on foam food containers. My business depends on foam food containers because they are affordable.

Restaurants have very low profit margins and I would not want to pass the cost to my customers. They depend on me to keep my prices affordable. Foam food containers work better to keep hot food hot and cold food cold. We should educate the public on recycling their food containers when they are finished with them. Please vote NO on a foam food container ban.

Sincerely,



Chao Sai Thai

650 W. Los Robles

PASADENA CA 91101



November 12, 2015

To: Pasadena City Council

To whom it may concern,

My name is Armando Ramirez and I am the owner of Yahaira's Café in Pasadena. I am concerned about the Styrofoam ban the city is trying to impose.

Getting rid of Styrofoam is definitely not cost effective to those of us in the restaurant industry. In passing this rule we would have to completely revamp our practice of "To Go" items. Styrofoam is totally recyclable and it is doable but the city is not willing to continue recycling it. It feels that it is also targeting restaurants as Styrofoam will still be sold to consumers in the form of containers, cups and plates which are readily available at most grocery and big box stores. Styrofoam containers that are used by us are better for food than other options which could absorb any moisture of the food and collapse, plus the cost difference is more than we can absorb thus causing us to have to raise our prices.

Please reconsider the passing of this rule.

Sincerely,


Armando Ramirez

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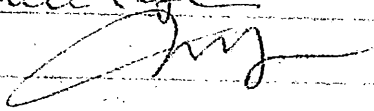
I am a Encinitas resident and a small Gelato shop owner for the past 9 years. I worked really hard & spend all time at my business, and have a good relationship with communities and help the city of Pasadena.

I'm extremely concerned that the new foodservice container & cup ban will put me out of business. Because It is same meaning I should give up my take out sales part (20% of total sales). Gelato is frozen item (easy to melt)

With increases to the minimum wage and California sales tax. I'm facing a lot of new costs that are challenging

I know that our City already has a program to recycling foam products. I believe in protecting the environment and our beaches, but we also need to protect the small business that are the backbone

우리 가게에서 쓰는 From Container 를 계속
쓰기를 권합니다.

La Vie Cafe


City Council.


I own Ramirez Carniceria in Pasadena. We serve Mexican Take-out. Because all of our food is "To Go" we use Styrofoam products. Foam take-out containers work the best to keep our food hot and fresh. Please Don't Ban Styrofoam. Other products simply don't work as well.

We want to continue serving high-quality takeout to our customers.

Thank you,

Luis R. Ramirez

Dear Council Members,

Please do NOT take away
 styrofoam.

Thanks,

Edwy Reyz

Dear city Council,

My restaurant is participating in the CRA'S Rinse and recycle styrofoam program. We use foam products in our business and replacing them with other products would financially harm my business. Please don't ban foam products.

Many thanks,

Jose Domínguez

Council members,

I'm writing to ask you to please
don't ban Styrofoam containers in restaurants.
I work to gain money on very small margins.
Banning foam would really hurt ~~my business~~
I'm encouraging customers to recycle their
foam with the California Restaurant Association's
Reuse or Recycle program now, which is a
better method than banning foam.

Thank you, JOSÉ A. HERNÁNDEZ

Mayor and Pasadena City Council.

I own Pasadena Fish Market on Orange Grove in Pasadena. I have been doing business here for many years and have regular take-out customers.

I use styrofoam products because they are inexpensive and work well for me. Please Do Not Ban Styrofoam.

I believe in taking care of our planet, and I encourage my customers to recycle their containers by displaying a "Reuse and Recycle Your Foam at Home" poster in my market.

Forming foam will do nothing to solve Pasadena's litter problem as customers may litter the alternative products just as easily. A ban on foam however will negatively affect many restaurants, markets, and shops like my own.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jeffrey Karpis Sincerely,
Jeffrey Karpis

Pasadena City Council

I am a manager of Russell's in Pasadena.
We use Styrofoam take-out boxes in our restaurant
because they work better for us than more costly
alternatives.

At Russell's we care about the environment
and encourage all of our customers to recycle
their take-out boxes at home.

Please Don't ban Styrofoam when our
customers have the option to Recycle. A
ban would hurt local restaurants without
Solving any problems since foam is recyclable.

Sincerely,



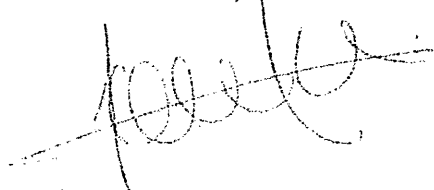
DEAR COUNCIL MEMBERS

I'VE JUST BEGUN PARTICIPATING IN THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION'S REUSE AND RECYCLE PROGRAM. I THINK IT'S A GREAT IDEA TO REMIND CUSTOMERS THAT STYROFOAM IS RECYCLABLE IN HOME RECYCLE BINS. IF CUSTOMERS RECYCLE IT TAKES THE NEED AWAY FROM BANNING FOAM. ALL THEY HAVE TO DO IS RINSE AND WIFE CLEAN.

I'D ALSO LIKE TO SUGGEST IN ADDITION TO RECYCLING AT HOME, THAT EVERY RESTAURANT HAVE A FOAM RECYCLING BIN TO CUT DOWN EVEN MORE ON WASTE.

IF I HAVE TO SWITCH TO ANOTHER MATERIAL, IT WILL COST MY BUSINESS A LOT, AND I ALREADY OPERATE ON LOW MARGINS. WE CAN DEAL RESPONSIBLY WITH OUR WASTE. PLEASE DO NOT BAN STYROFOAM PRODUCTS.

THANK YOU,



ROBERT RANDO
TOMAS INC. 10

May 22, 2015

To:

The City of Pasadena
100 North Garfield Ave.

The purpose of this letter is to discuss the negative financial and health impact of banning Styrofoam containers to our restaurant The Kitchen located here in Pasadena as well as every other restaurant in the city. Other forms of to go containers are more costly and less effective at keeping food warm or cold. We are strongly opposed to this ban as it will raise the cost of doing business in an already challenging climate. In addition to the issue of cost there is a concern of health to our customers and citizens of Pasadena. Keeping food either warm or cold depending on the contents is critical in food safety. Please consult with your own health department on this issue. I am certain the city does not want to take on any extra liability in a decision dictated by the City of Pasadena that negatively affects the general population.

The Styrofoam containers are just as recyclable as glass, paper or plastic. Banning this one product makes no more sense than banning any of the others.

We have been proudly serving the good people of Pasadena for more than 17 years now and look forward to many more years to come with the help of our city government making good sound decisions.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

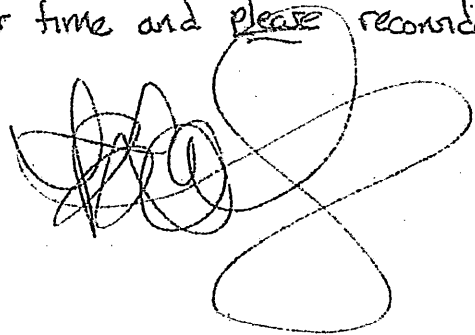
Stephanie Jensen and Stacy Kostanyan

Owners of The Kitchen

Dear City Council,

I am the manager at Wok Master on Colrad Blvd. I am writing you to ~~ask~~ ^{the Council} ask you to reconsider the foam ban ^{is} considering. Foam is cost friendly and alternatives aren't affordable. We've looked into the alternative materials and they are at least 50% ^{more} in cost. We see it as a much better option for us to promote the Rinse and Recycle campaign that allows and educates our customers ~~on their ability~~ to recycle foam in Pasadena.

Thank you for your time and ~~please~~ reconsider,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and curves, positioned below the closing text.

Dear City Council,

I heard about the ban on styrofoam products. I manage a Mexican restaurant and banning these products will cost our business a lot. I will also make our customers mad because they like keeping their food warm. Banning styrofoam will hurt my restaurant ~~was~~ because it's cheap and people like using it. Please don't take away our right to choose which products we use.

Thank you.

Don't ban foam. Please.

Mr. Jim ✓

Dear City council members

I am the manager at Romeo's Pizza and I would like to ask you to reconsider the foam ban. I use soup ^{caps} and plates and cup containers that are foam and I use them often in takeout to customers. If it was banned, I would have to buy another material, which is expensive. Please reconsider this ban as I am trying to promote foam recycling with my customers.

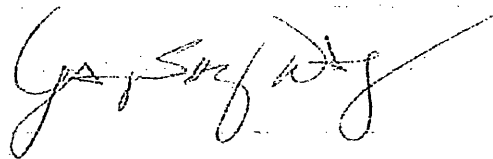
Thank you,

Sam Ryker

Dear city council member,

I am the owner of Go Fresh Mongolian BBQ. I use styrofoam products in my day-to-day business and this potential ban will greatly affect my costs. Please consider that I am a member of the Rinse and Recycle campaign. There are other alternatives to banning the material and I'm proud to help recycle this material.

Thank you,



Dear Pasadena City Council,

I am the owner of Mely's Pizzeria on Lake Avenue. I love the city of Pasadena and I love owning a restaurant here.

I recently learned however, that the city is considering a ban on Styrofoam. I am writing to make you aware of the impact this would have on small businesses like mine.

I use Styrofoam because it keeps my hot food hot, cold food cold, and I never have to worry about it leaking. I also use Styrofoam because it is inexpensive. There are a lot of costs associated with owning a restaurant. Switching to an alternative product would only increase those costs. Please help restaurants like mine continue to serve Pasadena by NOT banning Styrofoam!

Sincerely,
Luisa