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From: David Czamanske <dczamanske@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 5:54 PM
To: Tornek, Terry
Cc: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Proposed ban on polystyrene takeout containers

Mayor Tornek,

Sierra Club support for Proposed ban on polystyrene takeout containers

I do not anticipate being able to attend this evening's meeting due to automotive service difficulties.

However I would like to reiterate the Sierra Club's support of this proposed ordinance. Polystyrene takeout containers are a significant source of urban litter, and their presence and degradation in the natural environment, both on land and in rivers and streams, is a source of unsightliness and is harmful to animals and fresh- and salt-water fish and marine life that mistakenly ingest it.

Furthermore, this product is produced from petroleum, a fossil fuel which society must reduce its use of if impending climate change is to be successfully addressed.

We urge the city Public Works Department to work affirmatively to provide education and assistance to those restaurants that believe they will be adversely impacted by this ordinance.

The proposed ordinance has been extensively discussed at meetings of the Executive Committee of the Pasadena Group of the Sierra Club, and we are unanimous in our support of this proposal.

David Czamanske, on behalf of Pasadena Group of Sierra Club

PS. Please feel free to share this message with other members of the Pasadena City Council, electronically or otherwise.

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From: Dean Zamani <dean.zamani@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2016 5:50 PM
To: Tornek, Terry; McAustin, Margaret; Wilson, Andy; Go, Michael; Jomsky, Mark; Flores, Valerie; Silva, Gabriel; Madison, Steve; Hampton, Tyron; Masuda, Gene; Gordo, Victor; Kennedy, John
Subject: Honorable Mayor Tornek
Attachments: Document1.docx; ATT00001.htm

May 9th, 2016

Dear Mayor Tornek,

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I hope our city does the right thing and joins our neighboring cities of Manhattan Beach, Santa Monica, Dana Point, Newport Beach, Ojai, San Luis Obispo and Oakland to name a few.

Respectfully,

Dean Zamani

Owner, Piccolo at the Langham Huntington Pasadena

Owner, Twigzz at the Pasadena Playhouse District

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Subject: Pasadena City Council Meeting 5/9 -Item 6 Styrofoam ban

Dear City council,

I am a student at Pasadena High School. I had no problem with Styrofoam but then I found out it is not being recycled. Why are we still using something that is doing no good to our city? It is just being thrown on to the streets and finding its way into places it does not belong. If we have healthier options why not take them? I was reading that Styrofoam can cause damage to the human body. This reminds me of something I was learning in History class I think it is called "Lead" It was easy to make things with but caused damage to the human body. I strongly suggest that you vote in support of the ban tonight and for foam to be banned it is not needed and can be replaced.

Sincerely, Juan Angel Flores

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Dear Mayor Lorne,

I am an elementary

teacher who lives in Pasadena.

I am a model to my public

school students. I know that

they need models like you, a

member of our representative

democracy, to show them

that we citizens can do the

right thing.

We can ban styrofoam to

save our health and the health of

the planet.

Sincerely,

Mary J Fitzgerald #1
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Pasadena, CA 91101

Morales, Margo

From: January Nordman <januaryxn@gmail.com>
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To: Tornek, Terry
Cc: Wilson, Andy; Stone, Rhonda; Thyret, Pam; De La Cuba, Vannia; Chong, Cheynne; Bell, Cushon; Morales, Margo; West, Jana; Sullivan, Noreen; Madison, Steve
Subject: Please support the ban on single use polystyrene packaging

Dear Mayor Tornek, Council members, and reps;

I write to you as a citizen concerned about a viable tomorrow.

Please support the ban on single use polystyrene packaging. Polystyrene is akin to asbestos and lead in paint. It is used because it is cheap and convenient, although it is deadly in its manufacture and its post-use life. We banned those other deadly products and it is past time to ban polystyrene!

- **Styrofoam is a horrible pollutant that destroys sea life and birds:** Images of sea birds and the contents of their stomachs: <http://ecowatch.com/2012/07/09/marine-litter-birds/> . These pictures are from Midway Island, in the middle of the Northern Pacific Ocean. Here's the entire picture series: <http://chrisjordan.com/gallery/midway/#CF000313%2018x24>. While styrofoam is only one product in the stomachs of these marine birds, a ban would go a long way to stop its proliferation.
- **Styrofoam takes 500 years, minimum, to decompose.**
- Nearly **ninety cities just in California** have already wisely passed this ban since the eighties.
- **Major cities, such as Santa Monica, Chicago and New York,** have also passed the styrofoam ban.
- **Many Pasadena companies already do not use styrofoam,** knowing how horrible it is for the planet.
- Styrofoam is **almost NEVER recycled due to the costs:** At the Municipal Services Committee, the city staff wisely pointed out that a ton of styrofoam yields less than a hundred dollars! A ton of styrofoam, which is over ninety percent air, is a lot of styrofoam!
- Even if styrofoam were being recycled, the **gallons of water necessary** to clean it off is environmentally unsustainable in our low rainfall community.
- **Dart, a corporation known for its vertical integration, does not have recycling in their operations.** If they believed it was economically beneficial to recycle styrofoam, they would do it. However, they have devoted virtually NO funds to recycling.
- When the staff report showed the added expense of styrofoam at the Municipal Services Committee meeting, **Councilmembers were surprised to see how relatively inexpensive a ban would ultimately be for businesses.**

For these reasons and so many more, please support a ban of this trash in Beautiful Pasadena!

Thank you,

January Nordman
co-manager
Throop Learning Garden
300 S Los Robles, Pasadena 91101

Robles, Sandra

Subject:

FW: Support for ban on Styrofoam!

Hello Council,

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Jose Jimenez
537 North Wilson Ave. #1
Pasadena, Ca 91106
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Robles, Sandra

Subject: FW: Styrafoam

Hello,

I would like to voice my support of the measures banning styrafoam in Pasadena. We need to act as the bigger influence of the San Gabriel Valley in sustainable efforts such as banning styrafoam use.

Resident of Pasadena,
Angelo

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Robles, Sandra

Subject: FW: Styrafoam Free Pasadena ordinance

Hello Mayor and City Council Members,

I am a Pasadena resident at 1964 Navarro Ave. and I am writing to you in support of the Styrafoam ordinance. I believe that it is our duty as citizens of this city to not continue to contaminate this world. Some of you may have kids, nieces, nephews.. I urge to think about the impact we would be making towards their future if we continue to turn a blind eye on this issue.

Times are tough for everyone. I just finished my undergrad and even with the debt, I am willing to pay an extra couple of cents for non-Styrofoam holders because I know those few cents will go a long way.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email.

Warm Regards,

Jazmine De La Torre

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From: Tim Charles <ntuidme@yahoo.com>

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Subject: Ban Styrofoam

Please ban styrofoam and all related products from our food industry.

Many fast food chains are removing them and using paper products that degrade faster than styrofoam and it's related product to help our environment. So it is best to ban all such products to lessen the impact on the Eco system by this insidious problem.

This is an important issue to me as I see that wild animals and pets and our own babies are picking up these cups and food packaging and using them as food, chew toys, nesting materials and such. If ingested and not found fast enough, babies and animals can die a needless and horrible death.

I have seen this product lining nests, and there is pecking marks in the styrofoam. Dogs and cats pick this up and chew on it, then it clogs their intestinal track, only to suffer a horrible death.

Our own Babies will pick up styrofoam and chew on it, and ingesting parts into their tummy so that they need to be rushed off to surgery to remove it.

Then there is the ecology system. Styrofoam can be found everywhere as litter from the ocean to the mountains and will remain in those spots for decades and never go away.

It is proven to not be necessary and is economically correct to totally ban this entirely from any use in modern times. Paper products are cheaper and safer for the environment, our wildlife and children.

So I urge you to do the right thing and ban styrofoam and all related product entirely.

Timothy Snyder
Photographer

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<i>Cindy Bishop</i>	2739 Sleepy Hollow Pl.	91206
<i>Marcia Behan</i>	1041 Adelante Ave. L.A.	90042
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<i>Ann Craig</i>	" " " "	"
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	2382 Loma Vista St	91104
	2510 Queensberry Rd #1	91109
	340 N. Holliston	91106
	250 S. Pasadena Ave. #2099	91105
	183 W Woodruff Ave Arcadia, CA	91007
	436 GROVE ST Sierra Madre, CA 91024	91024
	221 S. Oak Knoll Av. Pasadena 91101	91101



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Robert Brummel	1235 Mar Vista Ave, Pas. CA	91104
Michael Rhine	590 N. Chester Av. ^{Pas}	91106
Ben Loria	4053 Glendale Dr. Los Angeles ⁹⁰⁰⁶ CA	90065
Martha Stevens	4288 Klump Ave ^{Stimulus City}	91602
[Signature]	1307 Coronado Terr. LA	90028
[Signature]	711 S. Mentor Ave, Pasadena	91106
Laura J Genth	711 S. Mentor Ave Pas.	91106
Vicki Tombauer	4053 Glendale Dr. LA	90065
Jennifer Tisi	438 1/2 N. Craig Ave Pas.	91107
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	11029 1/2 Strathmore Dr LA	90024
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	1930 Pasadena Glen Rd	91104
	18014 Sherman Way #280 Pasadena, CA	91335
	3371 Glendale Bl #135	90039
	510 EATON DRIVE	91107
	1107 Fair Oaks Ave #331	91030
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Carla Garcia	870 Elyria Dr Los Angeles	90065
Monique LetStone	870 Elyria Dr. LA CA	90065
Ron Anderson	323 W. MONTANA ST	91103
Susan D. Bizzin	1535 Lancashire Pl.	91103
Richard Bizzin	1535 Lancashire Pl	91103
Robert M. Delgado	1311 #C 434 N. Broadway L.A., Ca	90012
David C. Mortimer Jr.	1311 #C N. Broadway L.A., Ca	90012
Mayor David D. Davis	5029 Greenwood Lane P.O. Box	91215
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	4947 E California Blvd #111	91106
Mary Ricci Bush	1588 Casitas Ave	91103
Suzanne Foley	4957 COLLIS AVE, SO. PASADENA	91030
Ali Lane	2625 Johnston St.	90031
Melinda Howell	222 17th St Seal Beach	90740
Carl McDermott	185 Square Dr. Pas	91104
Kimberly May	216 S. MADISON AVE #103	91101
Katherine Meana	216 S. Madison Ave. #103	91101
Donald Thomas	178 N Oak Knoll ¹⁴	91103
Johanna Witt-Rogers	959 Aprua Lane Pasadena CA	91103



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	245 W Lorraine St #210 Alhambra, CA	91202
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	3149 Garden Ave Los Angeles, CA	90039
	3749 Garden Ave Los Angeles, CA	90039
	400 Monterey Rd, #1 S. Pasadena, CA	91030
	10257 IRMA AVE Tujunga CA	91042
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Craig Wilson	8828 Cleveland Ave	90660
Parent Hayes	530 S. Lake Ave Pas	91101
Glenn	3261 Kinney St.	90065
Juliette Knuth	1931 Fletcher Ave	91030
Donny	4708 Briggs Ave	91214
John Jones	257 S. Hudson Ave, Pasadena, CA	91101
David BeCarroll	731 N NACMI ST, BURBANK	91505
Barbara Hodgins	400 Floral Park So Pasadena	91030
Kesham M. Ellis	1875 E. Washington Blvd ^{APT 301}	91104
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	2690 Lambert Dr.	91107
	3961 Via Marisol #107 L.A.	90042
	3749 Aguilar St. LA	90065
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	1925 Paloma St Pasadena	91104
	250 S EL MOLINO AVE APT 7 PASADENA, CA	91104
	1364 E. Mountain St Pasadena CA	91104
	3232 Vickers St. Glendale	91208
	1820 SANZO DOMINGO AVE. DUNSMIRE, CA	91012
	1754 N. Cray Alta.	91027
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	201 S. Michigan Ave Pasadena	91106
	968 MAYO ST, L.A. CA	90042
	2205 Judday Ave Monterey Park	91754
	4329 W Ave. 42, LA-CA	90065
	5220 Bellingham Ave Valley UG	91607
	356 Stanton St. Pasadena	91103
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<i>David & Amy</i>	634 E Walnut St Pasadena CA	91101
<i>Patricia Gibson</i>	4650 Encinas Dr. La Canada	91011
<i>David White</i>	12218 Brookmont Sylmar	91342
<i>Anna Maria Devalos</i>	96 N. Lewis St "B" San Tornek	91024
<i>Jeanette Longwell</i>	1959 Juniper Ave Pasadena	91104
<i>Joe Girin S</i>	1215 S. Orange Grove	91105
<i>Frank Kortum</i>	1215 N. Louise St Glendale	91207
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Karen Gubayr	393 Waldo Ave #5, Pasadena	91101
Ross Foot	9032 Mulberry Dr. Sanland CA	91090
Sally Platt Roberts	1689 E. Altadena St. Olden	91001
Valerie Call L	1195 E. Woodbury Rd Pasadena	91104
MICHAEL JEFFRIES	984 S. OAKLAND AVE.	91106
Kimberly Hummel	970 W G St. #319. San Diego, CA	92101
Gene Parks	1101 S. El Marino	91104
Colo Johas Li	400 S Los Robles Ave	91101
Jana Futsch	3 LIOK LANE PASADENA	91103
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Ban Polystyrene (Styrofoam)

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Dear Mayor Terry Tornek,

As members of All Saints Church in Pasadena, we are part of a faith tradition that is committed to caring for God's creation. We support the phase-out of single use polystyrene products to work towards a more sustainable Pasadena. **Styrofoam (polystyrene) food packaging such as single-use cups, plates, straws and forks is a wasteful, unhealthy, and easily-replaceable source of non-biodegradable trash.** Polystyrene food packaging is easily blown into public spaces, and very difficult to recycle. In fact, the City of Pasadena's waste hauler - the Allan Company - does NOT recycle polystyrene due to its lack of value.

A 2011 study found that 71% of all the plastic flowing through the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers is polystyrene foam. It is also one of the most common types of trash that gets into the Arroyo Seco. Polystyrene makes its way to the ocean where it contributes to the ever-increasing amount of plastic pollution. It harms/kills animals, including fish and birds, because they cannot digest it, so they starve when their stomachs are full of plastic, including polystyrene. We do not know the long-term effects of eating fish that have eaten polystyrene. Polystyrene is made from oil. The entire process of extracting the oil, manufacturing the polystyrene, the retail-wholesale process, disposing of polystyrene, and cleaning it up out of the environment is extremely expensive, toxic, and inefficient. All of this for an item that is used for a few minutes.

Over 90 California cities and counties have already adopted local policies banning polystyrene and requiring use of recyclable or compostable alternatives. The cost differential between polystyrene and other types of containers is small or non-existent. A ban on polystyrene will help contribute to a more sustainable Pasadena. **I urge the City of Pasadena to join the growing number of cities in phasing out single-use styrofoam (polystyrene) and requiring the use of healthier recyclable/compostable alternatives.**

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