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From: Therese Brummel <theresegbrum@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 22, 2020 1:07 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic bag ban

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Dear City Council Members,

Please reinstate the Plastic Bag Ban. We now understand the transmission methods of the coronavirus better, and we understand that contracting the disease from fomites is unlikely combined with handwashing.

And we cannot recycle them!

Ban Plastic Bags again!
Therese Brummel
District 2, for 42 years

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Candace Seu <cswmseu@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 12:53 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: End plastic bag ban - Item #2

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Dear Councilmembers,

First, let me say thank you for acting to keep Pasadena safe during this pandemic. I appreciate that we've all been doing our best given our limited knowledge about this new virus. Thus, I also appreciate that you are now considering reinstatement of the plastic bag ban. **I support reinstatement.**

I ask you to vote yes, on the grounds that **reusable bags pose limited COVID risks** in the short term, while **single use plastic bags post intensive health risks** by poisoning our bodies and home in the long term.

We know now that COVID transmission occurs primarily through air, not via surfaces:

Atlantic: <https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2020/07/scourge-hygiene-theater/614599/>

Lancet: [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/laninf/PIIS1473-3099\(20\)30561-2.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/laninf/PIIS1473-3099(20)30561-2.pdf)

CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2020/s0522-cdc-updates-covid-transmission.html>

As has been shown in South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Vietnam, Germany, and many other countries, we can most effectively protect each other today and in the future by wearing masks, distancing, paid sick leave, and contact tracing. We should focus on these proven control measures. Further, **we should avoid policies that inaccurately exaggerate risk, which undermine public health by leading people to expend their energy on the wrong things while ignoring the crucial things.**

If store employees are uncomfortable with reusable bags, I think it is reasonable to ask customers to bag their own groceries. Nevertheless, I emphasize that Pasadenans need to understand that the best way to protect and support our front-line workers is by masking, distancing, and...organizing for a more equitable economic and health care system, among other things.

Please reinstate the plastic bag ban.

Sincerely,

Candace S
District 6

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From: susan dembowski <susandembowski@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 23, 2020 2:21 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Cc: Masuda, Gene
Subject: REINSTATE THE PLASTIC BAG BAN: STRONGLY SUPPORT

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RE: REINSTATE THE PLASTIC BAG BAN: STRONGLY SUPPORT
Pasadena City Council Meeting Aug. 24, 2002
Item No. 2

Comment:

It is crucial that Pasadena reinstates the plastic bag ban. These bags never decompose. Microplastics are in what we breathe, eat, and drink, attacking our endocrine system. They litter our streets, storm drains, parks, and waterways; cleanup is expensive. If they get through the water filtration systems they move on to harm ocean life. They also pile up in our landfills at increasing cost to our city and taxpayers.

Susan Dembowski
2080 Lambert Dr.
Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Kathy Berlin <kathymberlin@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:46 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic bag ban

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Pasadena City Council Members,

I am writing to encourage you to reinstate the single use plastic bag ban. Now we know that COVID-19 is not transmitted on surfaces, but is airborne. Therefore there is no need to allow single use plastics. As you know, these plastics are contributing enormously to the degradation of our world. At this time, more than ever, it is urgent that we act to protect human health and our environment. Ending the use of single use plastics will do both.

Please vote to reinstate the ban on single use plastics.

Thank you,
Kathy Berlin
500 S El Molino Ave.#2

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From: pragus15 <pragus15@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 8:58 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic bag ban

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Please keep the reused bags out of the markets. Even without Covid 19 the reused bags that people do not wash spreads germs..

Why add to the problem with the flu season coming back around and Covid 19.

Thank you

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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From: paula kelly <pk.kelly@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:09 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic Bags Ban

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Please reinstate the plastic bags ban!

Paula Kelly

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From: Jazmine De La Torre <jazmine.a.delatorre@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:27 PM
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Subject: Item #2

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Dear Council Members,

As a Pasadena resident who cares about the health of our community and environment, I strongly encourage you to support Agenda Item #2 and reinstate the City's plastic bag ban. The use of single-use plastics has increased significantly during COVID-19. The vast majority of this plastic - an estimated 93% - will not be recycled as it has no market value. Given the very serious and pressing implications for our climate and environment, these realities underscore the need to do more to eliminate non-recyclable waste in the City. Please take this step and continue to move forward with implementation of the City's Zero Waste Plan.

Thank you,

Jazmine De La Torre

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From: Lauren Cook Hummel <laurencook620@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:33 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic Bag Ban

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Hello - I am a Pasadena resident. First, let me say I generally don't support plastic bags. I have always brought my own to the store and practice recycling in my everyday life. However, for the safety and comfort of the grocery store workers I would hope that a decision is made that they support. If they support the plastic bag ban or not - they are the ones who are essential and putting their health and family's health on the line for the rest of us! I'm not sure if they have taken a stance but I hope their opinion is respected.

Best,
Lauren Cook Hummel

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From: Nancy Youngblut <blauhorse@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2020 12:44 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Plastic Bag Re-BAN

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Please return our lovely city to a BAN on Single Use Plastic Bags! We have to return to this effort to reduce our waste at least incrementally. No research indicates that Covid is readily caught from surfaces - so why continue the use of these harmful petroleum based products?

Thank you for caring about our city and our huge garbage problem.

Nancy Youngblut
945 Brentnal Road
Pasadena, CA 91105

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