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VIA EMAIL

**Re: Polystyrene Ordinance**

Dear Members of the Pasadena City Council,

On behalf of Heal the Bay, we are happy to submit the following letter in support of the City of Pasadena's proposed Polystyrene ordinance. Heal the Bay is an environmental organization with over 15,000 members dedicated to making the coastal waters and watersheds of greater Los Angeles safe, healthy, and clean.

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

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

Sincerely,

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