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**To:** Public Comment; City\_Council  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Meeting on May 4, 2020 about Agenda Item 1.E

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<b>Meeting Date</b>	May 4, 2020
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	1.E
<b>Comments</b>	Surfrider Foundation strongly requests that the Pasadena City Council NOT approve Item 1E, and NOT rescind the Pasadena Bag Ban. There is NO evidence that reusable bags present any risk of coronavirus transmission. I sent a detailed letter to the entire Council, and key Staff members, but I suffered a computer crash and only now was able to send. I hope an examination of facts will help the Council make a more informed decision, and maintain the Pasadena Bag Ban. Thank you!
<b>I consent to have my comment read out loud during the meeting.</b>	Yes
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**To:** Jomsky, Mark  
**Subject:** RE: Do not use the Covid Virus as a reason to suspend the bag ban

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**Subject:** Do not use the Covid Virus as a reason to suspend the bag ban

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Dear Mayor, City Manager, and City Council Members, Public Works Resources, and EAC Members,

(Mark, can you make sure it is sent to all of these people before today's council meeting? thanks!)

Please do not use the Covid Virus as an excuse to suspend the plastic bag ban. It would be counterproductive to eliminate the very small amount of progress Pasadena has made in reducing our plastic waste. While South Pasadena is moving forward with the goal to become a plastic free city, it would be tragic to see Pasadena mandating an increased use of plastic. Also, there have been links to Covid-19 and plastic, where the virus is shown to stay on plastic for two to three days. This would actually support eliminating plastic bags from grocery and other stores completely, as well as plastic packaging to minimize health risks.

There are many other reasons that the City should not suspend the plastic ban.

1. Plastic bags are not recycled.
2. Plastic bags are a single use plastic (SUP) and are normally used for less than a few minutes before being thrown away.
3. On average, each person uses 800 grocery bags per year. This would result in roughly 114,117,600 needless bags being used.
4. Plastic bags often get blown away and end up polluting lakes, rivers, oceans and other parts of the environment.
5. Plastic uses natural resources including water and petroleum.
6. Plastic production contributes ten percent of the greenhouse gas emissions.
7. These plastic bags will take hundreds of years to decompose and may never fully decompose only to become microplastics.
8. Many marine animals are significantly impacted by our plastic waste.
9. The fossil fuels used in these plastics have caused a significant number of health issues and deaths over time.

In addition, it will send the wrong message to everyone. We know these bag bans have been effective. Based on Heal the Bay's beach cleanup data, we have seen a marked reduction of plastic bags at beaches and rivers since bag bans went into passed. That's the direction we want to continue moving in.

Thank You,  
Cheryl Auger, President BAN SUP

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