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From: Elizabeth Kay Fife <>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 7:00 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Public comment in support of Skip the Stuff policy

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Dear Pasadena City Council,

As a long-time resident of Pasadena I care about the environment in our neighborhood and beyond. I believe that the residents of Pasadena are forward-thinking and care about the living creatures in our environment. In representing us, it is your responsibility to do your best to make sure that our environmental policies move us forward. Unfortunately, Pasadena's Zero Waste Plan has not been effective in reducing the amount of single-use plastic that ends up as waste. In the past year, this situation has dramatically grown with even more non-recycled waste from single-use containers, packages, utensils and plastic cutlery. The Skip the Stuff policy provides a simple solution to help make an impact on reducing takeout delivery waste at the local level. Supplying foodware accessories only upon request will be a cost savings to businesses, consumers and the City. This measure makes sense - and has been effectively implemented by many other local governments including our neighbor Alhambra. Please do the right thing and vote in favor of Skip the Stuff.

Best Regards,
Elizabeth Fife

Pasadena CA 91106

Elizabeth Fife, Ph.D.
Associate Professor, Technical Communication Practice
Viterbi School of Engineering, OHE 104
University of Southern California
Los Angeles, CA 90089

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From: Jazmine De La Torre < - n>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 7:58 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council Meeting - Agenda Item 14

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Hello,

My name is Jazmine De La Torre. I am a Pasadena resident.

Pasadena's adopted Zero Waste Plan is in serious trouble. Since the Pasadena City Council adopted the City's Zero Waste Plan in October 2014, the only substantial step towards reducing the amount of single-use plastic entering the City's waste stream was the adoption of a single-use polystyrene ordinance in May 2016, an effort supported by over a dozen local organizations and hundreds of Pasadena residents. Over the past five years progress has stalled. We now generate almost 50% more waste than we did when the Zero Waste Plan was approved in 2013. This worsening trend has only accelerated over the past year as the dramatic increase in takeout meant more non-recyclable waste from single-use containers, packaging, utensils, and other foodware accessories.

A local "Skip the Stuff" policy is arguably the easiest, yet still somewhat impactful, step the City can take to reduce the growing tide of single-use plastic at the local level. Supplying disposable foodware accessories only upon request can drastically reduce takeout and delivery waste. Most disposables go unused because restaurants automatically include them in takeout orders, which overwhelmingly are delivered to people's homes where customers do not need them. This local policy is also incredibly cost-effective for all parties involved, including the City, businesses, and customers.

Thank you

Jazmine De La Torre

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From: Beth Elder <
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 8:12 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support Skip the Stuff

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Please submit this comment for the Pasadena City Council meeting today.

I support the local 'Skip the Stuff' policy, a bill to offer single-use utensils and condiments upon request only. Most carry out orders are brought home, where we have utensils and condiments. These should be provided by request only.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Elder
Pasadena, CA 91107

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From: Pilar Reyando <
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:15 PM
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Subject: Agenda item #14

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To whom it may concern;

Pleaser consider voting to move forward with the “skip the stuff” policy.

Earth month is a fitting time to show your support for the environment.

Our environment is so taxed by the amount of waste we humans generate. This policy is small but effective and impactful implementation to have restaurants ask customers whether they need utensils and napkins included in their to-go orders. Most of us are going home where we have a drawer full of utensils, it is senseless to bring home something which is not needed.

Many socially conscious restaurants have already added a no utensil option to their online ordering menu. Supplying disposable foodware accessories only upon request can drastically reduce takeout and delivery waste. This local policy is also incredibly cost-effective for all parties involved, including the City, businesses, and customers.

Sincerely,
Pilar Reynaldo
Concerned Citizen

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Iraheta, Alba

From: Leigh Adams
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:18 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: "Skip the Stuff"

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It is time to stop this nonsense of spewing unneeded and unwanted plastic into our waste stream. It demonstrates an appalling lack of concern for EVERYONE & EVERYTHING, the planet, the people, the animals, the water, the resources. Why does the City of Pasadena allow its food vendors to dispense plastic that is not recyclable? And to stick it into every plastic bag that has to go to a special location (when was the last time you saw that special location)? That plastic food container in that plastic bag, surrounded by plastic utensils is going to end up in our waterways and eventually our bodies. Eaten any fish lately? Know how much plastic was in it? When does the city move to make policies that support a future on this planet? Now! Tell me this is happening NOW! Thank you, Leigh Adams, Altadena resident and frequent user of Pasadena restaurants that use cardboard containers that I can compost

Some people grumble that roses have thorns; I am grateful that thorns have roses. -Alphonse Karr

Leigh Adams

<http://arboretum.org>
<https://metabolicstudio.org>
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From: Wen Lee <[redacted]>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:28 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Support for "Skip the Stuff"

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Hello,

This is a public comment for the April 12 City Council meeting, agenda item 14:

As a Pasadena resident, I would like to express my support for the "Skip the Stuff" ordinance which would make single-use plastic utensils opt-in for restaurant takeout and delivery. The policy would cut down on waste and save businesses money. I think it is a great idea.

Thank you,
Wen Lee

[redacted]

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From: Alexandria Choy <
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:29 AM
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Subject: Public Comment 4/12/2021

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Hi there,

I dine in and get takeout from Pasadena restaurants and would like to share my strong support for Agenda Item #14, #SkipTheStuff foodware accessories on request! This would be so beneficial to our precious local restaurants and help the environment too. It's so simple to only give customers plastic utensils if they want or need them, and not automatically. Please vote YES!

Thank you,
Alex

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From: Jessica Craven < >
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:30 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Move forward with Skip the Stuff!

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I am a Los Angeles resident who worked for ten years at the Tiffany and Co in Pasadena. I still shop and eat in Pasadena regularly. I am asking you to please, please move forward with the Skip the Stuff policy. Plastic pollution is a HUGE concern. If you pass this I will be much more likely to continue to eat and shop there.

Thanks.

Jessica Craven
Los Angeles, CA

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April 12, 2021

Pasadena City Council
100 North Garfield Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91101

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CITY OF PASADENA

RE: Disposable Food Service Ware “Skip the Stuff” Ordinance

Dear Mayor Gordo and Honorable Councilmembers,

Reusable LA is a coalition of organizations working to reduce plastic pollution in Los Angeles to safeguard our public health, communities, and environment. We envision a thriving culture of reuse and refill in Los Angeles to reduce waste from single-use plastic products and packaging as a model for communities to replicate. Reusable LA strongly supports the recommendation by the Pasadena Municipal Services Committee to draft a Disposable Food Service Ware “Skip the Stuff” ordinance. We would like to thank Director of Public Works Ara Maloyan for the comprehensive agenda report, presentation, and recommendations to the City Council and councilmembers Williams, Hampton, and Chair Wilson for their support and direction for this ordinance.

Restaurants and the online ordering platforms they use should default to providing *no* single-use accessories for orders unless the customer specifically requests them. Some platforms and restaurants have already switched to an accessories upon request model, but with an ever-changing landscape of delivery companies and restaurants, we need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on request model becomes permanent and normalized behavior in the greater Los Angeles region.

People in the United States use more than 36 billion disposable utensils a year. Laid end to end, they could wrap around the globe 139 times.¹ Each year, billions of single-use plastic and paper accessories—utensils, straws, napkins, and condiments—are given to customers who order meals for take-out or delivery and don’t need them. Most take-out and delivery meals go to homes and offices already stocked with reusable items.

The vast majority of these single-use items cannot be recycled. They add to the plastic pollution crisis that litters our streets, parks, rivers, and oceans and clogs already overfilled landfills. Cutting down trees and extracting more fossil fuels for items that aren’t even used makes no sense in the middle of a climate crisis. These impacts also present significant environmental justice issues, with low-income communities and communities of color bearing a disproportionate burden of the impacts from climate change, fossil fuel extraction, and incineration associated with single-use waste.²

¹ Sietsema, Tom, “All my takeout has delivered a mountain of trash. So I asked experts how to minimize it.” Washington Post, Sept. 14, 2020, <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/voraciously/wp/2020/09/14/all-my-takeout-has-delivered-a-mountain-of-trash-so-i-asked-experts-how-to-minimize-it/> Accessed Sept. 14, 2020.

² Climate impacts: U.S. Global Change Research Program (2018), Fourth National Climate Assessment - <https://nca2018.globalchange.gov/>. Incineration and waste management: Martuzzi, M., Mitis, F., Forastiere, F., (2010),

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the problem. Market research shows that digital food orders increased by 127 percent in the second quarter of 2020 compared with the same time last year.³ Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250-300 percent since the pandemic began, resulting in a thirty-percent increase in waste, which is attributed to personal protective equipment (PPE), packaging, and disposable foodware.⁴

The pandemic has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left our beloved restaurants in dire need of assistance. Nearly 100 restaurants in the LA region have closed permanently due to the pandemic,⁵ and hundreds more are struggling to keep their doors open, relying entirely upon takeout and delivery to do so due to city and county mandates. Evidence has shown that restaurants who switch to “opt-in” models and swap disposables for reusables can save between \$3,000 and \$21,000.⁶ Pasadena has a thriving restaurant community that could save thousands of dollars by switching to a convenient “opt-in” model. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and prevent waste at the same time, benefiting everyone.

Reusable LA strongly supports a “Skip the Stuff” ordinance for the City of Pasadena. This ordinance is a win-win for businesses and communities, and would help fulfill the city’s Zero Waste Plan. Cities across the state have already adopted or are in the process of adopting this legislation, and we urge Pasadena to follow suit. For a full list of Reusable LA member organizations in support, please visit our website.⁷ We encourage staff to read UPSTREAM’s Skip the Stuff model policy for sample language for this ordinance and more information on the economic and environmental benefits of this policy.⁸ We thank the Council for their leadership on this issue and for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

Alison Waliszewski
5 Gyres Institute

Jessica Aldridge
Adventures in Waste and SoCal 350

Leslie Tamminen
7th Generation Advisors

Michael Doshi
Algalita

Inequalities, inequities, environmental justice in waste management and health, *Eur. J. of Pub. Health* 20:1, 21-26; Baptista, A.I., Amarnath, K.K., (2017), Garbage, Power, and Environmental Justice: The Clean Power Plan Rule, 403 *Wm. & Mary Envtl. L. & Pol’y Rev.* 41.

³ Id.

⁴ The Economist, “Covid-19 has led to a pandemic of plastic pollution” June 23, 2020- citing the International Solid Waste Association- https://www.economist.com/international/2020/06/22/covid-19-has-led-to-a-pandemic-of-plastic-pollution?fsrc=newsletter&utm_campaign=the-economist-today&utm_medium=newsletter&utm_source=salesforce-marketing-cloud&utm_term=2020-06-23&utm_content=article-link.

⁵ The Infatuation, “LA Restaurants That Have Permanently Closed During COVID-19: A Running List” January 12, 2020 <https://www.theinfatuation.com/los-angeles/features/la-restaurant-closings>

⁶ Rethink Disposables Case Studies <http://www.rethinkdisposable.org/>

⁷ Reusable LA Coalition, www.reusablela.org

⁸ Available at: [Reuse acceleration policies — UPSTREAM | Sparking innovative solutions to plastic pollution](#)

Andrea Leon-Grossman
Azul

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Break Free From Plastic

Amy Hammes
Burbank Recycles

Emily Parker
Heal the Bay

Chloe Brown
Open Ocean Minded

Dianna & Julia Cohen
Plastic Pollution Coalition

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From: Ellen Finkelparl
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:22 AM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: Skip the stuff ordinance

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Dear City Councilmembers,

I am writing in support of Item 14 of the MSC report in today's meeting. Asking customers to opt-in rather than opt-out of receiving utensils for take-out orders is by far the better way to go. Most take-out utensils are thrown out along with the terrible waste of the take-out containers themselves. This is a win-win situation that will save restaurants money and will help the environment. Pasadena must begin to try to meet its zero waste goals instead of continuing to generate more and more waste every year. This is a small step but an easy one.

Thank you.

Ellen Finkelparl

Pasadena 91104

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From: Banaf Rahimi <banaf.rahimi@pasadena.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:06 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council 4/12, Agenda Item 14

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Council members,

As an immigrant from a country in South East Asia that has been inundated with plastic waste from developed western countries, I have attempted to reduce my own single use plastic consumption in an attempt to lessen the harm on my birth country. Even before the pandemic I had found it to be exceedingly difficult to reduce plastic usage, and during the pandemic it has been nearly impossible. Passing a "Skip The Stuff" ordinance is low hanging fruit that Pasadena can easily do without impacting local businesses.

A local "Skip the Stuff" policy is arguably the easiest, yet still somewhat impactful, step the City can take to reduce the growing tide of single-use plastic at the local level. Supplying disposable food ware accessories only upon request can drastically reduce takeout and delivery waste. Most disposables go unused because restaurants automatically include them in takeout orders, which overwhelmingly are delivered to people's homes where customers do not need them. This local policy is also incredibly cost-effective for all parties involved, including the City, businesses, and customers.

Sincerely,
Banaf Rahimi

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From: Blair Miller <
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 12:09 PM
To: PublicComment-AutoResponse
Subject: City Council Agenda April 12, 2021 Item #14 - Support

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Mayor Gordo and City Council Members,

I am writing in support of Item #14, the Disposable Food Service Ware Opt-In Ordinance. This ordinance, which has already been passed by LA County, would offer Pasadena residents and restaurants a simple way to reduce waste and save money.

Many people are chagrined at the amount of plastic waste our reliance on take-out has generated, and would prefer to reduce the impact on our landfills. Because of this concern, some restaurants have already started using this approach. We need action by the City to take this trend and make it City-wide.

The point of this ordinance will be to re-set our collective habits, not to be immediately punitive.

I urge you to support the staff's recommendation. Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Blair Miller

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Subject: FW: City of Pasadena Disposable Foodware Upon Request Policy
Attachments: Scale for Good One Pager.pdf

From: Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:24 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark <mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Fwd: City of Pasadena Disposable Foodware Upon Request Policy

Please send comments below from McDonald's on Item #14 to all Councilmembers and include in public comments posted online. Thanks!

Councilmember Felicia Williams
City of Pasadena, District 2
100 N. Garfield Ave., Room S228
Pasadena, CA 91109
(626) 744-4742
www.cityofpasadena.net/district2

From: Hernandez Wesly · _____
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Williams, Felicia; Wesly Hernandez
Subject: RE: City of Pasadena Disposable Foodware Upon Request Policy

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Councilmember Williams,

Good morning, I hope all is well and thank you for your reply. As we've partnered with other cities on their upon request policies, such as Los Angeles, we've provided the following feedback and questions for consideration by elected officials and staff:

Allow restaurant staff to initiate the ask: This avoids a customer forgetting to request utensils and avoids escalating conflicts between customers and employees.

Allow for utensils in self-service dispensers: We believe this is in line with the spirit of the law in reducing utensil consumption since the customer can choose whether or not they need utensils.

Pre-packaged items: If a product is pre-packaged outside of the restaurant or city, can a straw can be provided (i.e. juice boxes).

Lids- Exempt lids from any proposal for safety reasons

Any upon request policy should include a public awareness campaign period in which enforcement is delayed to allow time for the industry and customers to change behavior.

At McDonald's, we want to be a part of the solution in reducing our footprint and using our scale for good. I've attached a one pager which focuses on five bold commitments we made as a company to have a meaningful global impact.

From: Council Member Felicia Williams (Pasadena, CA) (fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net) <do-not-reply@quorum.us>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 8:05 AM
To: Wesly Hernandez <wesly.hernandez@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: Re: City of Pasadena Disposable Foodware Upon Request Policy

Hi Wesly,

Thanks for reaching out and your comments will be helpful for our discussion. Please send them to me so I can share with the full Council and we can deliberate at the meeting tomorrow. You can also send them to the City Clerk (mjomsky@cityofpasadena.net) and also speak at the meeting at 4:30.

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From: Wesly Hernandez <wesly.hernandez@cityofpasadena.net>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 8:22:13 AM
To: Williams, Felicia <fwilliams@cityofpasadena.net>
Subject: City of Pasadena Disposable Foodware Upon Request Policy

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Dear Council Member Williams,

Good morning, I hope all is well and that you are keeping safe during this time. My name is Wesly Hernandez and I am a Government Relations Manager for McDonald's Corporation.

On behalf of the Corporation and our three franchise-owned McDonald's restaurants within the City, I would like to offer insights and feedback as you consider an upon request policy for disposable utensils. Over the past few months, I have collaborated with the City and County of Los Angeles on similar policies.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss further.

Thank you
Wesly M. Hernandez
McDonald's U.S. Government Relations Manager

The information contained in this e-mail and any accompanying documents is confidential, may be privileged, and is intended solely for the person and/or entity to whom it is addressed (i.e. those identified in the "To" and "cc" box). They are the property of McDonald's Corporation. Unauthorized review, use, disclosure, or copying of this communication, or any part thereof, is strictly prohibited and may be unlawful. If you have received this e-mail in error, please return the e-mail and attachments to the sender and delete the e-mail and attachments and any copy from your system. McDonald's thanks you for your cooperation.

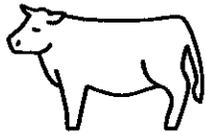


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At McDonald's, we're committed to building a business that will grow and last for generations.



Commitment to Families



Beef Sustainability



Packaging & Recycling



Climate Action



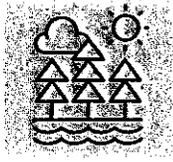
Youth Opportunity

Scale for Good is fundamental to that plan, connecting directly to our core values as a company. Because of our scale and our business model, when we dream big, and bring together the full power of our three-legged stool – franchisees, suppliers and the Company employees — we accomplish great things. When you operate over **37,000 restaurants** in more than **100 countries** around the world, serving **69 million customers each day**, every change makes a big difference.

With **Scale for Good**, McDonald's is taking bold and deliberate action to help drive progress across our business, the industry and the world in ways that build a resilient supply chain and future work force. Our focus is on five bold commitments where we can have a meaningful impact and matter most to our customers. Importantly, these commitments are in areas where we have the opportunity to truly lead.

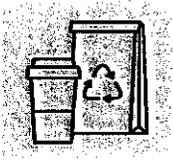
If you would like to learn more about **Scale for Good**, please visit www.corporate.mcdonalds.com.

Five Bold Commitments



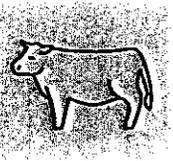
Climate Change

Climate change is the biggest environmental issue of our time. To address this global challenge, McDonald's set a target to significantly reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. The target is approved by the Science Based Targets initiative, a coalition of major environmental NGO leaders with authority on leading international climate science. In stepping up to do our part, we are helping to protect our future supply chain and restaurant operations from the impacts of climate change, and beginning to implement efficiencies before regulation demands them.



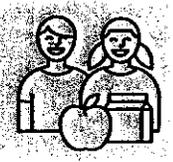
Packaging and Recycling

The environmental impact of our packaging ranks high among our customers' concerns. As part of **Scale for Good**, we are taking significant steps to reduce the overall amount of packaging we give customers and increase guest access to recycling in all communities where we operate. Over the next few years, as we accelerate our efforts across the world to make our packaging and waste management more sustainable, these changes at McDonald's can ultimately protect more waterways, conserve forests and prevent more waste — core objectives in using our **Scale for Good**.



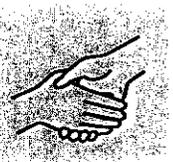
Beef Sustainability

Since 1955, McDonald's has been a proud burger company and today our system is one of the largest purchasers of beef in the world. As we use our **Scale for Good** to build a better McDonald's, we are striving to make sure the beef in our supply chain contributes to a sustainable food system in which people and communities, animals and the planet thrive. We embrace our responsibility to work with the beef industry, including farmers and ranchers around the world, to take steps now to meet the world's beef demand sustainably.



Commitment to Families

Parents want to feel good about what their kids are eating and have responded enthusiastically to our past ingredient and menu changes, but today they expect more. In answer, McDonald's made a commitment to families to offer Happy Meals with more balanced food and beverage choices, McDonald's U.S. has accelerated its actions in 2018 to meet McDonald's Global Happy Meal Nutrition Criteria. We also are continuing to simplify ingredients where feasible and we continue to be transparent with Happy Meal nutrition information.



Youth Opportunity

McDonald's and its independent franchisees also recognize our role as one of the world's largest employers and a longstanding leader in education and workforce training. Through our Scale for Good Youth Opportunity goal, McDonald's and participating franchisees will help young people to develop the core workplace skills they need to get a job and the opportunities they need to kick-start their career and achieve their true potential.



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April 12, 2021

Pasadena City Council
Pasadena City Hall
100 North Garfield Ave, Room S249
Pasadena, CA 91101

RE: Item 14 - Food Service Ware "Upon Request" Motion

Dear Council Members,

On behalf of the California Restaurant Association (CRA), and the restaurants in the City of Pasadena, I am writing to express our position for the proposed recommendations set forth by the Department of Public Works to create a disposable food service ware "upon request" ordinance. The recommendations outlined by the department aims to reduce the environmental impacts of disposable food accessories, while still allowing the local restaurant community to continue to focus on operating as an essential service in the midst of the pandemic- and beyond.

COVID-19 has led to the closure of thousands of restaurants and those that are still open have been required to adjust their operations to only takeout and delivery and most recently to extremely limited outdoor and indoor dining. Limiting onsite dining certainly increases consumer demand for food-ware accessories. The restaurant community shares the ongoing concern over unnecessary use of single-use products and routinely partners on litter abatement efforts at the state and local levels, works towards mitigating the impact on local landfills, continues to engage in public policy to encourage recycling and reduce food waste, and increase guest awareness about the unnecessary distribution of single-use products.

Representing all types of restaurants within the local community, we look forward to continuing to work with the city on the proposed recommendations for a disposable food service ware "upon request" ordinance. It is critical for the city to develop policy that takes into account the inner operational workings of a restaurant and allows restaurants to both offer- and provide to those requesting-food accessories. This model helps facilitate customer choice, eliminates customer inconvenience, frustration, and backlash towards employees when customers are not offered- or provided- the expected accessories to safely consume their meal. Consistent with the spirit of "upon request" it is important for any proposed ordinance to allow self-serve dispensers to be used, giving patrons the ability to choose if they need a utensil or not, while not negatively impacting restaurant operations and the experience of other guests. Additionally, the recommendations by the Department of Public Works looks to develop a public awareness campaign to notify restaurateurs and guests of the new policy- an essential component of changing public behavior and reducing waste.

We remain committed to working cooperatively to help the city design food service accessory policy that works for everyone and I look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

California Restaurant Association
P.O. Box 32482, Los Angeles, CA 90032

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Juarez'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'D' and a long, sweeping horizontal stroke.

David Juarez
Director of Local Government Affairs
California Restaurant Association

Martinez, Ruben

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Dear Mayor Gordo and City Councilmembers,

Please approve move forward with a "Skip the Stuff" ordinance for Pasadena. Cities in LA County are already beginning to adopt local policies. In March 2021 the City of Alhambra unanimously adopted a local ordinance to make single-use foodware items upon request only. At the same time the City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles advanced motions to develop local ordinances to "Skip the Stuff." A decade ago Pasadena joined its neighbors in adopting a local plastic bag ordinance. In 2021 Pasadena once again has the opportunity to be a leader and join neighboring municipalities in taking a simple step to reduce waste for customers and businesses.

This ordinance is a very small step in the right direction and it will cost business nothing, it will in fact save them money.

Sincerely,
Topher Mathers (District 5)

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Dear Mayor Gordo and Council Members,

I support an ordinance to require items like disposable utensils and napkins to be "by request only" when people are getting take out food from local restaurants. This doesn't prevent people from getting these items if they want it, but it does prevent a lot of waste since a lot of restaurants currently default to putting these items in take out orders. Ultimately, making these items by request only will save restaurants a lot of money and prevent so many disposable utensils, etc. from going to our landfills. We all need to reduce the use of single use items (remember "reduce" comes before "recycle") and this is a step in the right direction. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Colin Bogart
Pasadena Resident, 91103

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Dear City Council,

I want to express strong support for Skip the Stuff. We are extremely concerned about the state of our environment and its impact on wildlife. Before the pandemic, we conducted several cleanups a year at neighborhood parks and are always astounded by the amount of take-out plastic that ends up in our environment. Much of it ends up flowing out to the ocean to the detriment of all kinds of sea life, notably birds.

This measure would stem the tide of throw away plastic at its source. I urge you to support this measure.

Thank you,

Lois Brunet
Program Director, Pasadena Audubon

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