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**Sent:** Monday, August 24, 2020 7:39 AM  
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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item #2**

**Name:** Mary Villanueva      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**      , Pasadena, CA 91106

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### **Comments:**

Dear Council Members,

As a Pasadena resident I care 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.

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**Consent given to read my comments out loud: Yes**

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2**

**Name:** Bin Lee    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

As a District 1 resident who believes that eliminating pollution and single-use plastics is a moral obligation, I support the unsuspension of the plastic bag ban. We need to do this for the health of our future generations of Pasadenans. Thanks for your time.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2**

<b>Name:</b> susan dembowski	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b> Pasadena, CA 91107
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### **Comments:**

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.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item Agenda Item Number 2**

<b>Name:</b>	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
cheryl auger			, Alhambra, California 91801

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### **Comments:**

A plastic bag is used on average for only 12 minutes. Each year, 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are estimated to be used worldwide. There is no recycling facility that I am aware of in California or the US. that recycles plastic bags. A large portion of these plastic bags end up as pollution littering the earth or the ocean, causing deaths of thousands of marine mammals who ingest plastic or get entangled in them. As mentioned on May 4th, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has stated: "transmission of novel coronavirus to persons from surfaces contaminated with the virus has not been documented." Please end this senseless suspension of the bag ban, The City shouldn't carelessly create excessive generation of senseless non-recyclable waste that will last hundreds of years on this planet.

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2**

**Name:** Wesley Reutimann    **Address:** Pasadena, CA 91103

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### **Comments:**

The high-cost of our addiction to cheap, single-use plastics is more clear than ever. Unlike glass bottles or aluminum cans, plastics cannot be melted down one-for-one and reconstituted as the same item. At best, plastics “recycling” is a misnomer. A more honest description would be “downcycling”, as the quality of plastics are diminished as it is melted down. Overseas processing of plastics has also had a notoriously checkered track record, with the high health and environmental costs of largely unregulated “recycling” practices imposed on low-income communities in east Asia.

Gone are the days that municipalities can in good faith ship plastics abroad and think they will be downcycled in a manner that does not harm the planet or people. With few alternatives to offshore our own mess, communities across the United States are now grappling with the unwelcome reality that plastics have no recycling value and a very high disposal cost.

Perhaps this development is for the best. The issue has truly come to a breaking point.

As a community, Pasadena needs to re-implement its policy on single-use plastic bags and begin to take further legislative action to reduce single-use plastic upstream. Your leadership on this issue is needed.

Thank you,

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2**

**Name:** Io Sarah      **Email:**      **Phone:**      **Address:**  
McNaughton      :           Ave., Pasadena, CA 91107

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### **Comments:**

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,  
Io McNaughton

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2

**Name:** Blair Miller      **Email:**      **Phone:** 626-      **Address:**  
Road, Pasadena, CA 91104

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### Comments:

Dear Council Members,

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.

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2

**Name:** Jonathan Levy  
**Email:** [redacted]  
**Phone:** 510- [redacted]  
**Address:** [redacted], Pasadena, CA 91101

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### Comments:

Dear Honorable Mayor Tornek, esteemed City Manager Mermell, Councilpersons and Staff,

I am writing to urge you to reinstate the City's plastic bag ban.

Plastic bags pose a triple threat to our city. First and foremost, they cost businesses a lot of money. A few cents might seem negligible, but when doled out by the hundreds or thousands each day, the cost adds up. Second, there are absolutely ZERO markets to recycle plastic bags, which means they contaminate the recycle stream, clogging up the conveyors which increases the cost of processing the recyclables with actual value. Commodities such as plastic bags are a huge contributing factor to the astronomical tonnage fees charged by the recycling facilities. Third and foremost, plastic bags harm the entire community when they are littered on our streets, green spaces and in our storm drains.

The City, businesses and residents ALL bear the burden of dealing with plastic bags, incurring both direct and indirect costs that go above and beyond the \$0.10 cent fee levied by the ban.

City Council, I urge you to please take proactive leadership on this issue by reinstating the plastic bag ban.



Sincerely,

Jonathan Levy

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## Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2

**Name:** David Cutter  
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**Phone:** 626- [REDACTED]  
**Address:** [REDACTED] Ave., Pasadena, CA 91103

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### Comments:

As a Pasadena property owner and business owner who cares about the health and environment of our community, I strongly urge you to support Agenda Item #2 and reinstate the City's plastic bag ban. An estimated 93% of this single use plastic will not be recycled as it has no market value.

Please reinstate the plastic bag ban and continue to move forward with implementation of the City's Zero Waste Plan.

Thank you  
David Cutter

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## **Public Comment for Meeting on August 24, 2020 about Agenda Item 2**

<b>Name:</b> Molly	<b>Email:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>	<b>Address:</b>
Morabito			San Francisco, California 94110

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### **Comments:**

Please unsuspend the plastic bag ban.

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