

Communication from Public

Name: Nancy Shrodes

Date Submitted: 03/01/2021 02:46 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I highly support the City's movement to pursue a foodware on request policy. During COVID, restaurants who are suffering are wasting their money on plastic and other unnecessary packaging as consumers try and support said restaurants from home. It's time we Skip the Stuff as a win win for both restaurants, consumers, and the planet. And it is pivotal that it is framed as an opt-in if accessories needed button. The default should be no foodware, which again supports restaurant savings, as so many of us are ordering from home and have everything we need for the food here. Thank you for your time and I hope you move this policy forward. Sincerely, Nancy Shrodes

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Ungersma

Date Submitted: 03/02/2021 07:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories only upon request. We are ordering a ton of delivery and takeout while trying to support our local restaurants due to COVID-19, and the accumulation of single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories is astronomical. No matter how many times I click the button that asks for no silverware on GrubHub or how many times I put in the delivery comments, "No silverware needed!", it just keeps coming. We need to change the default mindset on this issue. A legislative solution is the way to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Segura

Date Submitted: 03/02/2021 11:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am a resident of the City of LA writing to express my fervent support of the City Council motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian requesting that the City Attorney prepare and present a “Foodware Accessories Upon Request” ordinance that would require restaurants and other food service providers to provide all disposable foodware accessories ONLY UPON REQUEST of the customer. I’d like to extend my gratitude to Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership on this matter and thank Chair O’Farrell for agendizing the motion today. Restaurants and online ordering platforms (such as Grubhub and Postmates) should default to providing NO single-use accessories for orders, unless the customer specifically requests them. The pandemic has unfortunately resulted in a step backwards in the fight against plastic pollution, with a resurgence in single use plastic such as bags, cups, bottles, and utensils. Most folks ordering takeout are bringing food home and don’t need the plastic utensils. Those who want to enjoy a meal on the go can request utensils, but it shouldn’t be provided by default. When ordering takeout, I usually ask for “no utensils” and yet restaurants still provide them out of habit. It’s time for a paradigm shift, away from the “throw away” culture. Please direct the City Attorney staff to prepare an ordinance ASAP that would require takeout orders to default to no utensils provided in an effort to curb some of the unnecessary plastic waste! No harm would come from drafting such an ordinance- restaurants would save money and the planet would benefit. Win win! We can’t afford to keep polluting our planet with wasted single use plastics, it’s time to act now. Thank you very much for your consideration of this crucial matter. Stay safe.

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Name: Youjong Chae

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:35 AM

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Name: Emily Loughran

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:39 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The restaurant industry must eliminate all of the unnecessary waste associated with the inclusion of plastic utensils in every to go order. Consumers should have to request utensils. Many of these mess are eaten at home and the plastic utensils go unused straight into the trash and landfill!!

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Name: Beatriz

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Name: Jennifer Zhao

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance. With so many people staying at home, there is no need to consistently provide accessories with every order. Most community members, like myself, have a drawer in their house dedicated to plastic forks, spoons, napkins, sauce packets. These utensils are usually also wrapped in plastic, creating a mountain of unnecessary waste. Food delivery apps have slowly started to make this the default but its time for an ordinance to pave the way for how we think about environmental conservation through reduction. This ordinance still allows for people to have the freedom to choose for foodware accessories; saves restaurants money; and eases the strain on our city's waste management streams. Please support this ordinance. Thank you.

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Name: Alison Waliszewski, Policy & Outreach Manager, 5 Gyres Institute

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:48 AM

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Name: Reiko Reynolds
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:49 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. Reiko Reynolds

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Name: Kori Joneson

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Name: sam butler

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Comments for Public Posting: I fully support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

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Name: Mark Reback

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Name: Drew R.

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Name: Sue Brooks

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of #SkipTheStuff to require restaurants to provide takeout diners with the ability to opt out of receiving utensils and other accessories not desired.

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Name: Susan Holcomb

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Comments for Public Posting: Passing the #SkipTheStuff motion will take a logical and crucial step towards eliminating unnecessary single-use utensils, condiments and other take-out accessories that end up unused in our already overflowing landfills. It will benefit financially strapped Los Angeles restaurants as well as overburdened waste management systems. I commend the council for your leadership and urge you to pass the #SkipTheStuff motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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Name: Jeffrey Roop

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Name: Yvette Stevenson Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support #skipthestuff and thank the council for their efforts.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Tamminen

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of 7th Generation Advisors, an environmental nonprofit working to make a sustainable world 7 generations into the future, we strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles and helps Los Angeles deal with its expensive waste issues. Thank you.

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Name: Robert Mason

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion that requires restaurants to provide food ware accessories only on-request. The consistent dependence on food delivery has become a part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. Thank you for providing the opportunity for the public to express their opinions on this matter, Robert Mason

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Name: Stephanie Lisell

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this motion. Too many times I get to go utensils even after I say I don't want them. Most can't be recycled so they become waste!

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Name: Kevin Brown

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. During COVID times, my family has supported restaurants by ordering a lot of take-out food, and we are OVERWHELMED with plastic utensils we did not request and do not need. We literally have a shelf full of plastic knives, forks, spoons, all in non-recyclable plastic wrappers, that are just unnecessary waste. We need to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. It will reduce restaurants' costs as well. I thank the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today.

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Name: Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:07 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a 30 year resident raising a family in LA, I felt compelled to submit public comment on this issue. As citizens and you as elected officials, this action of reducing plastic consumption waste in the food industry is literally the LEAST we can do. It is an absolute no brainer and will help educate the public to conscientiously consider plastic waste when they patronize restaurants. The extra bonus is how much money this saves struggling restaurants. Please pass this unanimously sending a message of unity. Do not cave to special interests who put profit over people and our planet. Thank you in advance for your stewardship on this important issue and small act.

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Name: Kalisa Falzone

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:13 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We don't need extra plastic utensils and trash from delivery and takeout. In the rare event people do, they can request these. It's cheaper for business and better for the planet.

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Name: Cheryl

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Name: Ryan Teng

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I live in downtown and support the Skip the Stuff motion agenda!

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Name: Tracy

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. The explosion of delivery and takeout has made it painfully obvious that we need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. This mandate is low hanging fruit in our challenge to keep fossil fuel in the ground and to manage waste disposal. Thank you for efforts to get this done.

Communication from Public

Name: Alex Choy

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hi there, Agenda Item #3 (foodware accessories on-request) is super important to me. I strongly support it and urge you to continue moving it forward. It would be so beneficial to our precious LA restaurants and environment!!

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Name: Li Fan Gad

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Name: Jorge De Cecco

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Name: Sofia Ratcovich

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Name: Gerald Orcholski

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Name: Mike

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Comments for Public Posting: I definitely think a lot of plastic ware and other options restaurants provide are simply thrown out, and it's ridiculous. I would definitely like to see any items like plasticware and napkins be things that are only added if customers specifically ask or agree to have them. I do think many of us would opt not to get those items. Think of receipts at bank ATMS. They used to be a given but now only appear if someone asks for them, and I have to imagine that this saves lots of money for banks and paper.

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Name: Jude McCarthy

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of the LA foodware accessories on-request motion. #SkipTheStuff, LA!

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Morales

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Plastic ware should only be given if requested. Take out is part of our life even more since COVID. We are taking this food home where we have utensils and therefore do not require plastic ware.

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Name: Becky Gallo

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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider this request for our environment. Thank you.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Office of the City Clerk, I urge the members to support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin Brown

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:31 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. During COVID times, my family has supported restaurants by ordering a lot of take-out food, and we are OVERWHELMED with plastic utensils we did not request and do not need. We literally have a shelf full of plastic knives, forks, spoons, all in non-recyclable plastic wrappers, that are just unnecessary waste. We need to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. It will reduce restaurants' costs as well. I thank the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today.

Communication from Public

Name: Rafael

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:38 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please, this is an important matter that should be discussed and implemented. Zero use plastic is a full waste of resources and cause a severe damage to our nature.

Communication from Public

Name: Jackie Nuñez

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:40 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: To the ENERGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND RIVER COMMITTEE: California restaurants are struggling and single-use plastic waste and plastic pollution have gotten exponentially worse with COVID. Today, we ask you for your help by voting in support to require restaurants and other food-service providers to offer customers an “opt-in” for specific foodware accessories across all digital platforms and applications. Jackie Nuñez Founder, The Last Plastic Straw Advocacy Program Manager, Plastic Pollution Coalition

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Tong

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:50 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. I try my best to ask for utensils and whatnot to not be added to my order, but sometimes it's such automatic behavior I get it anyways. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Felts

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:01 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. I am on NextDoor in Manhattan Beach and there are often many comments about how dissatisfied people are with all the trash and how it deters them from ordering takeout. The very opposite from what we need when we're trying to support our local restaurants! The foodware accessories need to be eliminated or on-request as the volume of unnecessary trash is both awful for our environment and for the success of local restaurants. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began; however, these plastics are largely unnecessary. Since we can't avoid waste in other areas of our society... can't we address this issue as we have the power to make a SIGNIFICANT change!? I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I work for an LA-based plastic pollution nonprofit and I am enthusiastically supportive of the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:07 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support policies and/or ordinances that will help to eliminate the unnecessary handing out of plastic utensils, especially those that are not easily recycled. Non biodegradable items that end up in landfills or trash on the ground despoil our environment. This matter needs to be given serious consideration and action taken.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Mark Howell

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: The speed with which human beings are devouring global resources is staggering. And I believe that public policy must be geared toward reducing, reusing and recycling whenever and wherever possible. Without seeing statistics, it is perfectly reasonable to shift our collective "norm" on this front: instead of restaurants providing food ware accessories as an expected element to be discarded when it is not used, customers will adapt quickly and learn to request those items when they are necessary. I've asked restaurants NOT to include those items for years. I go out of my way to express gratitude to those establishments that ask me if I want them during the ordering process. This is an easy transition to make. And it should be the responsibility of our elected officials to put in place policies that usher in new ways of being for those among us who might be less exposed to conscious ways of existing in the world. Restaurants save money. Customers raise their awareness of the environment and move away from a disposable world view. We collectively keep tons of plastic and paper from becoming landfill. This should be an easy thing to accomplish. Please. Get it done.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Dehmel

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require food ware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become a larger part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. Often times these single-use items are not needed and thrown in the trash unused. Requiring they be requested is a win-win situation for all involved. Less cost for the restaurant owners and less trash for our overloaded waste management. Making these items "on request" is exactly like when we are in a drought and glasses of water must be requested, rather than just poured and given, with 50% or more of the water going down the drain. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Julie Kissane

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: 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 City Council motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance that would require restaurants and other food service providers to provide all disposable foodware accessories only upon the request of the customer. We thank Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership on this matter and we thank Chair O'Farrell for agenizing this motion today. 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

Communication from Public

Name: James Cummings

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, I keep re-usable metal straws both in my car and my briefcase. I also keep washable bamboo utensils which are easily compostable and sustainable, should they need replacement. I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Lauren Ferree

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: As someone who grew up in LA, and has always viewed the oceans and beaches as my playground, I ask that we Skip the Stuff and require that restaurants only provide plastic takeout utensils upon request. We can eliminate so much unnecessary waste that is showing up on our beaches, and is harming communities by it's manufacturing. Plastic pollution isn't only a planetary problem, but a human problem, and you as elected officials have the power to regulate business that are creating these problems. Thank you for your time!

Communication from Public

Name: Halina Do-Linh

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:24 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I urge the council to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Sloan, M.Ed.

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Brown
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:28 PM
Council File No: 21-0064

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Communication from Public

Name: Patrick Migliazzo

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I run beach clean ups and one of the most prolific thing we find is to-go ware. So much of this is given out to people bringing home food to eat and they just toss it. This seems like a no brainer to change. Only give people what they ask for

Communication from Public

Name: Melina Kust

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Why add more trash if we can EASILY stop it. I have so much plastic setups at my house right now that I don't use. Please vote for this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Melina Kust

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Why make more trash if we can EASILY stop it. Vote for this proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Diana Weynand

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Katiana johnson
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:51 PM
Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: We have the power to stop this senseless and incredibly harmful amount of waste. Let's stop thinking with our privilege and wealth and start thinking about our impact on our planet that is literally suffocating in plastic. SKIPTHESTUFF! I support restaurant take out and delivery accessories being provided only upon request. "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."

Communication from Public

Name: helen ibsen

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I heartily support the adoption of foodware accessories being available only upon request in Los Angeles. These plastics are for the most part never recycled, and quite often never even used before being thrown in the trash. Having worked in restaurants, my experience has led me to conclude that most people do not ask for utensils because they don't need them. We should default to a "supply on demand" strategy, to cut down on waste, as well as on the cost to businesses who spend money on an item that is rarely needed by their customers. Plus, this will be a very easy adjustment for consumers.

Communication from Public

Name: Kevin McCarthy

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 12:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: The amount of unnecessary, unused foodware accessories that are being discarded throughout the city has always been out of hand. Now it is in our face. I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. I believe it's a win-win for saving business money and saving the environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa K Ferguson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support #SkipTheStuff. For quite awhile now, way before the pandemic, I've said, "Please, no utensils. No condiments," when ordering food to go. Much of the time when I check the bag before leaving the restaurant my request has been ignored and I have to fish them out of the bag and leave them on the counter. I would imagine #SkipTheStuff would actually save restaurants money, by not supplying unnecessary or unwanted items. It will prevent even more waste from ending up in landfills, and help to keep plastic out of our environments. I wonder how many utensil packets and condiment packets sit in landfills, unopened? We need to stop wasting resources. Every little bit helps. How much energy does it take to make the packets, truck them to the warehouses, truck them to the restaurants, dumps them from the bins into the garbage trucks, or recycling trucks, and truck them to the landfills? We, as humans, need to focus on what's important, our environment, and stop catering to what's convenient. Thank you for moving forward with this.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please put a stop to single use plastic, it is imperative at this point! These utensils are almost always, never used with take out orders and never properly disposed of. It is affecting our neighborhoods, our nature, and our health. Let's skip this stuff!

Communication from Public

Name: Matt P

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric Newton

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote YES on the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. There is so much plastic waste created because often we don't need the single use food ware restaurants pack automatically with to go orders. Even when you tell them upfront that you don't want plastic ware, they put it in anyway out of habit! PLEASE PASS THIS MOTION WHICH WILL MAKE AN IMMEDIATE IMPACT ON OUR ENVIRONMENT! A lot of times these items are not even used once, they go right in the trash. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Kimberly Hoffman

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please allow us to become leaders in the fight against single-use plastics. It's a win-win; to reduce plastic and save restaurants money. We need policy change to move forward. Please SKIP THE STUFF! Our oceans, our city, our overflowing kitchens draws, our restaurants... we need this! Our entire community needs this legislation.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Latour

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 01:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council, I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require food ware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelinos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Laura Shady

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Shelley L Billik

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:12 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: As a zero waste educator and practitioner, I strongly support this motion to ONLY provide disposable food ware upon request. This should be the case for ALL restaurants and business offering food, and include the online ordering platforms they use to default to NO disposables. This is an easy step to reduce excess waste, save money, and is crucial given the increase in use of single use plastics as a result of the pandemic. Make no mistake - NONE of these single use items are recyclable, and they require precious natural resources to produce, only to have a short life in use and an endless one in the landfill. Some cities have banned some single use plastics altogether, which is the direction our city should take.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:15 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. As a Zero Waste representative for UWS I strongly urge you to take action, and to help reduce what goes to our landfills. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today. Paul

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Chang

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:32 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: There is too much waste with delivery and take out food. I regularly order take out and am disappointed by how many plastic utensils are automatically included. And ALL of it goes in the trashcan. Even when I request no utensils, the food establishment will sometimes forget. All of this is waste. We should have a system that unless customers request for utensils, then restaurants, etc. provide it. What is even more alarming is that only about 10% of this gets recycled.

Communication from Public

Name: Mailinda Moore
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:42 PM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: I support the #skipthestuff motion to require single-use cutlery to be by request only! This would divert a lot of waste from the landfill and save businesses a lot of money! Please pass this motion today. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:51 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am a high school student living in Los Angeles County, and I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Take-out and delivery services have become more prominent in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic--I know that personally I have eaten more takeout than ever during this past year. Because of this, single-use utensils and condiments are often given in overabundance with food orders. I believe we must take legislative action to limit the amount of unnecessary disposable items given for take-out and delivery services, ensuring that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. The effects of COVID-19 have affected both our waste management systems and LA restaurants. Waste management systems are currently overloaded, with a 250% increase in single-use plastic consumption in the year since the pandemic started. Countless restaurants in Los Angeles have been forced to close during COVID-19, while those still standing must rely heavily on take-out and delivery orders to stay in business. By having these restaurants provide utensils and condiments only if asked, stress on waste management systems can be minimized while saving money in the process. Customers, like me, can also rest assured that they are not creating excess waste while ordering out, enjoying the food they want to eat, and supporting their favorite restaurants. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Kris R Ohlenkamp

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:52 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the SkipTheStuff motion to mandate that disposable utensils and other single use plastic items be provided ONLY when requested.

Communication from Public

Name: Corinne Behnke
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:53 PM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: No more plastic packaging!

Communication from Public

Name: Thalia L Johnson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:56 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. People who order meal delivery usually have most of the accessories they need and if they need a specific item, then they should ask for it. When you go on site and order, you should only request the accessories you need. The amount of condiments and other accessories that are thrown away end up in landfills. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has brought this issue to the forefront of Los Angeles's continuing failure to update its waste management system. Hundreds of businesses are struggling to remain open and rely heavily on take-out and delivery and have had to waste money on accessories that are unneeded. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, thus freeing up monies that can be used elsewhere such as rent, employee expenses and advertising. All angelenos will benefit from #Skip the Stuff. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Eva Cicoria

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 02:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: As one who paddles local waters weekly picking up plastic litter and the founder Paddle Out Plastic to mobilize other paddlers to do the same, I strongly support the #SkiptheStuff motion to require foodware accessories be given out only upon request. Frankly, this is just the tip of what we need to do to reduce waste, and plastic waste in particular. You no doubt see the litter lining roads. Have you been out on the water? In 2020, we retrieved over 40,000 pieces of plastic litter from local waters, including lots of lids, straws, utensils and stir sticks. Please take this step forward to reduce waste. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Communication from Public

Name: Tito Galdo

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:00 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. I can't tell you how many unwanted sets of plastic cutlery and condiments we get with takeout! It's absurd that something gets produced for 20 minutes of use--or in our case, no use at all--then goes to the landfill or directly into the environment, where it will exist and pollute for longer than any of us will be alive. We must stop this insane practice of reflexively using throw-away foodware that costs so much to produce and dispose of--fossil fuel extraction, climate change, toxic waste, harm to water and wildlife--all so we can have a plastic fork? Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. We can then be a model for other communities throughout the country. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Sullivan

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:02 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am all for supporting the Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance. When we get take out, we take it home, and all that stuff goes directly in the trash. Such a waste. I often ask them to not include it. This is a simple measure that could save tons of trash and tons of money for restaurants as well as not need to buy as many accessories. Please support the ordinance and help us Los Angelians reduce our wasted. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Johnston
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:04 PM
Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Sheila Morovati

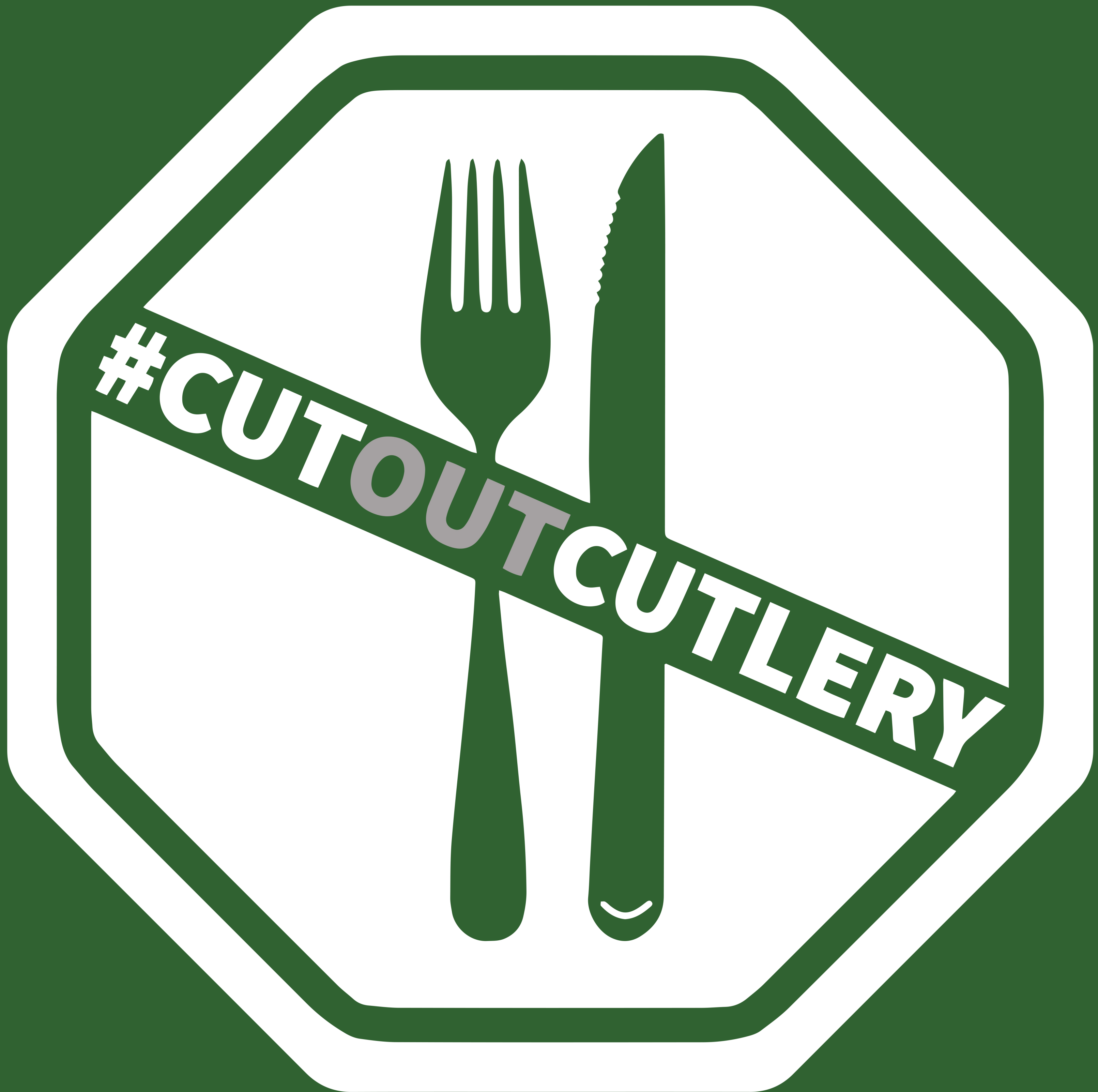
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:09 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am the founder of Habitsofwaste.org and the #CutOutCutlery campaign which convinced Uber Eats, Postmates and Grub hub to provide a default setting for plastic cutlery and accessories to be available upon request. Our campaign proved to work very well by decreasing waste and saving restaurants a lot of money. Postmates shared that they saved 122 Million packs of cutlery from entering the waste stream within 1 year of joining our campaign. This equates to a \$3.2 million dollar savings from restaurants. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.



To reduce unnecessary waste, we will
provide plastic cutlery upon request only.



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Communication from Public

Name: Rochelle Siegel

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. And I hope it will also mean have periodic monitoring to make sure the rules are being implemented if motion is passed. We need to get away from the waste mindset and get everyone in the practice of really thinking about what they are using. It shouldn't be an automatic giveaway! It worked with the plastic bag initiative. And I don't need ANY MORE PLASTIC FORKS! Please help!

Communication from Public

Name: Wayne Pepper

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:35 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Let's do our part to reduce the amount of plastic waste polluting our environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Zach Bue

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:40 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider helping our environment, namely our oceans, by reducing excessive waste related to take out. This will reduce cost to the restaurant, reduce trash on our streets, reduce trash in our landfills and reduce plastic in our oceans. I see absolutely no reason why this should not pass aside from lobbying from plastic manufacturers. Help us heal our environment.

Communication from Public

Name: Auriyana Jackson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:50 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Most of these items can't be recycled and we need to do something to stop this mindless waste that is contributing to the pollution of our lands and oceans. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Fernando

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 03:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Yes, i support the #SkipTheStuff motion because if we learned anything this past year, it is that we as people are too dependent on single use items. There is no reason to keep giving utensils and condiments out to people that will just be thrown away. This is a win win for businesses and customers. Businesses will save money and customers will have the option to request if they want items. Let's go ahead and change the way we live so that our future generations can enjoy a world not polluted by micro plastics. Thank you for the chance to say a few words.

Communication from Public

Name: samantha karim

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:21 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. I also urge the members to think even bigger about alternatives to ALL single use plastic.

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Doyle

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:25 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request only. During COVID, like so many others, I have exponentially increased my use of Delivery and takeout, and the automatic and unwanted inclusion of single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories is a depressing waste. I have a mountain of plastic utensils and ketchup packets that will most likely end up in the landfill. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. It would be so easy to opt in on the ordering platform, but almost no one offers that at the moment. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos as well as their bottom lines. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. It's a simple solution to a big problem. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Doshi

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:26 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. We need policy to lead the way! Minimizing the consumption of single-use plastic foodware accessories is low hanging fruit. We need LA to continue setting the standard on addressing plastic pollution, especially when it is so easy to do so. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Klein

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:29 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Johnson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:31 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:41 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today

Communication from Public

Name: Blue McRight

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:42 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: 3/3/2021 Los Angeles City Council Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee 200 N Spring St Los Angeles, CA 90012 RE: Foodware Accessories Upon Request Ordinance Dear Chair O'Farrell and Honorable Committee Members, As an artist who is very concerned about our ocean and plastic pollution, I am working to reduce plastic pollution in Los Angeles to safeguard our public health, communities, and environment. I 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. I strongly support the City Council motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance that would require restaurants and other food service providers to provide all disposable foodware accessories only upon the request of the customer. Many thanks to Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership on this matter and I thank Chair O'Farrell for agendizing this motion today. 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 Los Angeles County. Plastic restaurant trash is everywhere you look in Los Angeles and is truly disturbing and harmful. The pandemic has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left our beloved LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Nearly 100 restaurants in the region have closed permanently due to the pandemic, 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. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and prevent waste at the same time, benefiting all Angelenos. Please support the Foodware Accessories Upon Request Ordinance! Thank you for your attention to this urgent matter. Sincerely, Blue McRight Venice, CA 90291

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Palko

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 04:45 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please require restaurant takeout and delivery accessories throughout LA to be provided only upon request.

Communication from Public

Name: Paige Schuck
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 05:17 PM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: Make takeout cutlery and similar items available only upon request!

Communication from Public

Name: George Ferrell

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 05:23 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the Skip-The-Stuff Agenda item (#3). We now have too much plastic waste. This is a sensible proposal.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessalyn Waldron

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 05:38 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am one, among many, who does not need the plastic silverware in my delivery thai food. My own fork washed in my own kitchen is more sanitary than any other plastic thrown in the bottom of a bag, and I'm pretty sure it tastes better that way too. As restaurants depend on to-go food orders to survive, how awesome would it be to save their inventory costs on these wasteful foodware accessories that most of us just throw in the junk drawer in the kitchen- or otherwise they become litter on our streets. I strongly support this motion that both supports our restaurants economically, and aims to chip away at the single use disposable pollution problem embedded in society. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Bilson

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 06:05 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I support 100 per cent the #Skip the Stuff motion before the Los Angeles City Council. Since the COVID-19 Pandemic has caused many of us to purchase restaurant take-out, I believe it is both wasteful and bad for our environment for restaurants to include items like plastic tableware that we don't need or want. If we ask for these items, fine, but to include them in every order, whether wanted or not, is expensive for the restaurant and increases our trash. Thank you, Barbara Bilson

Communication from Public

Name: Mariette

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 08:04 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, please do your part in cutting back on plastic waste that can and never will be recycled, ends up in landfills or incinerators - poisoning the earth and sky. Restaurants will also be helped, they will not have to buy so many disposable products to pass onto customers who often do not need them. We all live on the earth together and need to take care of her together. Looking away is not an option. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: jennifer

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 08:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: The skip the stuff ordinance should, at a minimum, be the starting point for a bigger waste reduction strategy and should be expanded to all single use plastics polluting our communities of color at disproportionate rates.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 08:28 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Ryan

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 08:55 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: As a restaurant owner in Silver Lake, Hollywood and West Hollywood, I'm concerned about the distribution and associated costs of largely wasted disposable foodware accessories. I support the Disposable Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance and urge you to vote in favor. The COVID-19 pandemic has stressed restaurant owners to the brink and has left us in dire need of assistance. Nearly 100 restaurants in the LA region have closed permanently due to the pandemic and the rest of us are struggling to keep our doors open. Due to mandates prohibiting dine-in operations, restaurants have had to rely primarily upon take-out and delivery to survive. Automatically providing disposable accessories is costing American restaurants such as ours \$19 billion every year. This is hugely wasteful, as most take-out and delivery meals go to homes and offices already stocked with reusable items, especially during the pandemic. Profit margins are painfully slim for our businesses right now, the restaurant industry being one of the most hard-hit and devastated by this pandemic. Changing consumer expectations and behavior through mandates will ease our burden and help increase adoption of reusable alternatives. If restaurants could provide accessories only upon request, it would potentially also save money that Los Angeles taxpayers, including ourselves, spend on waste-management and litter cleanup. I strongly support the Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance and urge you to pass this legislation to protect our businesses and environment. Sincerely, Ryan Floyd 33 Taps Silver Lake

Communication from Public

Name: CONNIE WONG
Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:26 PM
Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Alexa

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:39 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: If this petition is approved it will help the Los Angeles community along with a fraction of the earth.

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 09:53 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Christina

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 10:59 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I fully agree with the following statement and can not have said it better. I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Saucier

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:03 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am a member of the Tarzana Neighborhood Council and Neighborhood Council Sustainability Alliance (NCSA), and today I am asking on behalf of the NCSA and myself that you strongly support CF 21-0064 the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Galen

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:14 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support the #skip the stuff initiative. It's a simple and valuable shift in behavior to reduce unnecessary waste and pollution. We can develop better habits, reusing things we have. And it starts with actions like this, that save restaurants money. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/03/2021 11:49 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories have become more prevalent due to Covid-19, and they are typically not asked for when ordering delivery and takeout. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began which is incredibly harmful for our environment. On top of the negative environmental impacts, Los Angeles restaurants are also hurting. Nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently in LA due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open and relying heavily upon takeout and delivery orders. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I urge the council to pass this motion today. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 12:11 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I am greatly in favor of requiring restaurants and takeout services to only provide accessories upon request, as it would greatly reduce the amount of plastic waste and litter in our county.

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Miyamoto

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 06:20 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. FOOD delivery and takeout has become part of many folx daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and usually thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized consumer behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Kottaras

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 06:53 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Hattala

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 07:04 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: According to the World Economic Forum, 40 billion plastic utensils are discarded annually. While a minor step, the utensil opt-in policy will reduce the amount of unneeded and useless utensils delivered and therefore, discarded. Residents and employees already have reusable utensils at their disposal in their respective homes and places of work. Therefore, the burden placed upon consumers/citizens is negligible if non-existent. The measure prevents the automatic and unnecessary generation of waste. This policy will mandate as well as potentially engender more sustainable and conscious consumption practices. In order to reduce waste, particularly plastic waste, and engender a zero waste society, large and small scale changes are necessary. This is one small policy and behavioral change that can and must be taken to address the waste crisis. That being said, public education regarding the waste crisis and sustainable practices as well as more significant actions are needed beyond this measure. As a citizen and environmental activist, I fully support this action and further zero waste initiatives.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne Millius

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 07:10 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to see less throw away especially in take-out meals. I never know what to do with extra utensils that are plastic and end up saving them. I do request no utensils most of the time but that's difficult in the time of Coronavirus because the utensils are already placed in the to go bag. I would rather ask for utensils and most of the time I am taking home my to go meal and have utensils at home.

Communication from Public

Name: Liz

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 07:30 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: We don't need more disposables in our oceans and streets. Make takeaway utensils optional and upon request only. This city is getting trashed! Especially around our beaches... this is the bare minimum.

Communication from Public

Name: Gavin

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 08:02 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Single use plastics should only be given by restaurants upon request. This will help small businesses save money while also decreasing amount of trash in our local landfills. It's a win win.

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 08:18 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Takeout orders and delivery had increased with COVID-19 and with that, the increase of the single use plastics that are being given out. I've tried requesting no utensils be included, but they're still in the packaging regardless. Businesses need to be more mindful about giving out utensils and this motion may help be the push. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Sprayregen Henkel

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 08:32 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: We are all aware of the fact that plastic pollution is destroying our environment. Please pass this resolution making sure unwanted utensils and other plastic and paper waste are not automatically added to take out orders from restaurants.

Communication from Public

Name: Jessica Aldridge
Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 08:58 AM
Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Just like straws, it is time that we demand that food-ware accessories are only provided upon request by brick and mortar businesses and food share apps doing business in the City of LA. This is a simple request ensuring that additional accessories are only provided by businesses when requested; it gives constituents the choice on how much unneeded waste they bring into their life. The City of Los Angeles passed a zero waste goal and CityPLAN that targets the reduction of waste and increase to recycling and composting. I work in the waste industry for 15 years. These plastic, mix-content, or even bio-plastic based food-ware accessories including utensils, packets, and napkins are not going to be recycled. They are too small and their content is undesirable to feedstock buyers. We have the opportunity to reduce unnecessary resource extraction for unwanted items (that usually sit in a drawer or are immediately tossed). The City also has a responsibility to reduce potential waste from the overall stream (before it is even in the stream) as a means to abide by their environmental goals and also increase their waste diversion potential. If the item is not in the stream to begin with then your overall diversion potential is higher. These items also make their way into our physical environmental and especially our waterways. We spend a tremendous amount of money, time, and labor cleaning up intentional and unintentional littered blight. Let's reduce that potential. This is a simple, low hanging fruit that will reduce our impact, lead us toward our city goals, empty our utensil drawer at home, and show Los Angeles as the environmental leader in this space. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Tanner Glenn

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 08:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Tanner Glenn and I am a Los Angeles resident. I strongly support the City Council motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance that would require restaurants and other food service providers to provide all disposable foodware accessories only upon the request of the customer. 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 Los Angeles County. 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. 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. 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. 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. The pandemic has stressed our waste management systems to the

brink and left our beloved Los Angeles restaurants in dire need of assistance. Nearly 100 restaurants in the LA region have closed permanently due to the pandemic, 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. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and prevent waste at the same time, benefiting all Angelenos. Reusable LA strongly supports today's motion and the drafting of a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance in the City of Los Angeles. I 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. Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Sincerely, Tanner Glenn

Communication from Public

Name: Lynne Starr

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 09:05 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the Bill “Skip the stuff”, for the sake of our oceans, our wildlife, our planet. Americans waste so much more than any other country. It is urgent now that we start making the changes needed to save the planet for future generations. Don’t let history have this generation as the dumbest, but as the saviors. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Tocco

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 09:09 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the #SkipTheStuff motion to require foodware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Sara

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 09:45 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: This initiative to skip the stuff is incredibly important in order to not waste take out accessories. They just end up in a drawer somewhere or directly in the trash. Businesses can save money by not providing this unnecessarily as well

Communication from Public

Name: Olga Bolotina

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 09:48 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident, member of this community, I want to take this opportunity to voice strong support for the #SkipTheStuff motion which would require food-ware accessories on-request. Delivery and takeout has become part of our daily lives due to COVID-19, and along with it, single-use utensils, condiments, and other accessories that are often not asked for and thrown away without ever being used. We need a legislative solution to ensure that the accessories on-request model becomes normalized behavior in Los Angeles. COVID-19 has stressed our waste management systems to the brink and left LA restaurants in dire need of assistance. Consumption of single-use plastics has increased by 250% since the pandemic began. In LA, nearly 100 restaurants have closed permanently due to the pandemic, with hundreds more struggling to keep their doors open, relying heavily upon takeout and delivery to do so. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and reduce unnecessary waste, benefiting all Angelenos. I commend the council for their leadership and urge you to pass this motion today. Thank you for the opportunity to comment today.

Communication from Public

Name: Miriam Gordon
Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 10:56 AM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: We strongly urge passage of this measure. It makes good business "cents" as it saves food businesses money and it eliminates unnecessary waste, mostly plastic, thereby responding to both the plastic pollution and the climate crisis. Let's Skip the Stuff in Los Angeles!

Communication from Public

Name: Eugenia

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 11:23 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: The amount of single used plastic coming from Togo orders during COVID closed down have increase tremendously and I urge the city to look into passing #skipthestuff ordinance. Thank you!

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March 1, 2021

Los Angeles City Council
Energy, Climate Change, Environmental Justice, and River Committee
200 N Spring St
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Foodware Accessories Upon Request Ordinance

Dear Chair O’Farrell and Honorable Committee Members,

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 City Council motion introduced by Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance that would require restaurants and other food service providers to provide all disposable foodware accessories only upon the request of the customer. We thank Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership on this matter and we thank Chair O’Farrell for agenizing this motion today.

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 Los Angeles County.

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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

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.

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

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 Los Angeles 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. When restaurants provide accessories only upon request, they save money and prevent waste at the same time, benefiting all Angelenos.

Reusable LA strongly supports today's motion and the drafting of a Foodware Accessories Upon Request ordinance in the City of Los Angeles. For a full list of Reusable LA member organizations in support, please visit our website.⁶ 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.⁷ We thank Councilmembers Koretz and Krekorian for their leadership on this issue and the entire Committee for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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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), 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 Env'tl. 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 Reusable LA Coalition, www.reusablela.org

⁷ Available at: [Reuse acceleration policies — UPSTREAM | Sparking innovative solutions to plastic pollution](#)

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Name: Leah Stinson

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Communication from Public

Name: Ashley Pena

Date Submitted: 03/04/2021 02:03 PM

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