

Communication from Public

Name: Jeffery Gotdon

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 09:00 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health.

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Name: Dale Zapata

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 10:27 AM

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Name: Leigh Jachens

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 11:05 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family regularly picks up trash both in our mid-city neighborhood and whenever we go to the beach so I am confident that the following ordinances are desperately needed in Los Angeles: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: George Bennett

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 09:52 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. These legislative measures are among our most powerful tools for creating a more sustainable and healthy environment for all and I appreciate the opportunity to contribute to these initiatives. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting our public and environmental health.

Communication from Public

Name: Alicia Culver, Responsible Purchasing Network

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 09:55 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, which are toxic, contribute to ocean pollution, and expensive to manage; 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements, which will save money and enable Los Angeles to lead by example. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health. There are many resources available to help implement these initiatives. Sincerely, Alicia Culver Responsible Purchasing Network

Communication from Public

Name: Eva Cicoria

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 09:30 AM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Please scroll through Paddle Out Plastic (on Twitter @padleoutplastic; on IG @paddleoutplastic; on FB @Paddle Out Plastic) to see what styrofoam/polystyrene, plastic bags and other plastic items, especially single-use plastics, are doing to our environment. You can see in yesterday's post/tweet that we removed over 2000 pieces (700 of it pieces of polystyrene) from the water just Saturday, Dec 3. I've also attached a PDF with some photos. Each frame of polystyrene is one day's haul spread over a 6'x9' frame. The 2 frames of bags are both from a single haul. Photos of the plastic littering the water were taken in LA Harbor. Others, hopefully, will speak to the deleterious impacts of plastic beyond our oceans, but I want to focus on the ugliness and heartbreak of what we are doing to our environment. I kayak weekly in LA Harbor and other local waters, finding so much single-use plastic in the water that I launched Paddle Out Plastic in 2019 to help raise awareness of what we are doing right here in LA notwithstanding that other horror of shipping tons of our plastic waste to other countries. We have plucked over 180,000 pieces of plastic out of the water since our launch. We sort, count, photograph and log our data with NOAA. We have removed over 60,000 pieces of polystyrene from the water. Worse is the little pieces left behind--impossible to get them all out--for wildlife to gulp down. There are alternatives to polystyrene and it should have been banned many years ago. (It has been in some forward thinking cities.) Please ban it ASAP. We have pulled over 7,000 plastic bags from the water--not as many bags as pieces of polystyrene, but bags cover the largest area when we spread out our hauls to photograph. Moreover, many thousands of small soft plastic fragments that we pull out likely originated as plastic bags. Please expand the plastic bag ban. The many thousands of hours I've spent in this endeavor evidence my concerns about health and our environment. There will always be litter, but source reduction has got to be pursued to reduce the waste at the outset and the most problematic types and the items for which there are easy alternatives must be tackled first. I can personally vouch for reducing or eliminating polystyrene, plastic bags, and other single-use plastics. It's doable. I strongly encourage you to vote in support of the adoption of these 3 proposed ordinances: 1) Expanded Polystyrene Ban 2) Expanded Single-Use Bag Ban 3)

City Facilities and Events Zero Waste Plan Thank you for your leadership.











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Name: Wes Reutimann

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 06:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear decision-makers and staff, As a local residents who patronizes businesses in northeast LA on a weekly basis but finds it incredibly difficult to do so without purchasing a large side of non-recyclable single-use plastic, I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. Cities across the world have adopted similar measures to great effect. I hope LA can finally take a leadership role on this important public health and environmental issue. Thank you for your service and leadership in tackling the plastics crisis.

Communication from Public

Name: Brooke Davis

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 08:57 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Greg Camphire

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. These ordinances are essential for a healthy future for all species on Earth. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health!

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Parker on behalf of Reusable LA Coalition
Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 05:46 PM
Council File No: 21-0064
Comments for Public Posting: please see attached letter for public comment

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December 6, 2022

Los Angeles City Council
200 N Spring St, Room 340
Los Angeles CA 90012

**RE: December 6, 2022 LA City Council Meeting Agenda Item 29 - Council File 21-0064
Reduction of Single-Use Plastics SUPPORT**

Submitted electronically via: <https://cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment/?cfnumber=21-0064>

Dear Honorable Councilmembers:

The Reusable LA coalition is a collective of over 30 organizations working to reduce plastic pollution in Los Angeles to safeguard public health, communities, and environmental justice. Together, we envision a thriving culture of reuse and refill in LA to reduce waste from single-use plastic products and packaging as a model for communities to replicate. Reusable LA and our partners are considered experts in reducing harmful plastic pollution through policy, and we enthusiastically write to you to express our strong support for the three proposed ordinances being considered by the Los Angeles City Council. **Specifically, we support the adoption of 1) zero waste city facility and event requirements 2) an expansion of single-use carryout bag regulations, and 3) a ban on distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products.** We also support the recommended determination of finding all three of these ordinances as categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

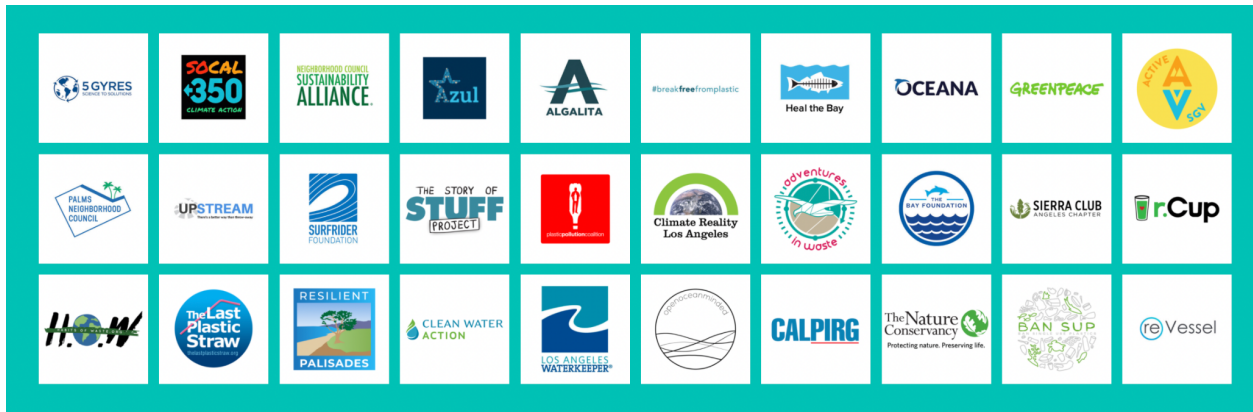
In partnership with the LA Sanitation & Environment (LASAN), Reusable LA has reviewed and offered feedback on the language presented today for all three ordinances. We support the proposed amendments to the expanded polystyrene ordinance and are glad to see the phased implementation protocol included in the final draft. As key residents, business owners, non-profits, community-based organizations, and experts in waste reduction, our contribution and support is vital to helping the City achieve its zero waste goals. We look forward to contributing to the implementation processes for these ordinances and in particular, to working with LASAN and the Department of Public Works to develop the Rules and Procedures document for the zero waste city facilities and events ordinance. Of note, we plan to work with staff to develop necessary definitions for “recyclable” and “compostable” for this document that are consistent with neighboring jurisdictions and other municipalities statewide, and that use the best available scientific standards.

We commend the members of this Council, their staff, the LASAN team, the ECCEJR Committee members and staff, and the City Attorney's office for their dedication to reducing

harm and protecting both public and environmental health. We acknowledge the immense effort that has gone into developing these three ordinances, and we appreciate you prioritizing the reduction of single-use plastics to benefit all Angelenos.

Thank you for the opportunity to collaborate and comment. For any questions or for further information, please contact the coalition leadership at reusablela@gmail.com.

Sincerely,
Reusable LA



Communication from Public

Name: Shona Ganguly

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 03:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly encourage you to support the immediate adoption of the following ordinances: 1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. Plastics and polystyrene products cause pollution in communities which affects the health of our communities and ecosystems. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health. It is critical to take action immediately to reduce plastic and polystyrene production and waste. As a resident of the City of Los Angeles, I want us to invest in a sustainable future for our region.

Communication from Public

Name: Sascha Rice

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 05:25 PM

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1) a ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) an expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) zero waste city facility and event requirements. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health.

Communication from Public

Name: Valli Herman

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 03:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We must as a community act urgently to address how our human practices are endangering the climate and more broadly, the planet. Change begins at home and it begins now. I strongly support the passage of the following ordinances: 1) A ban on the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products, 2) An expansion of the single-use bag ban, and 3) Zero-waste city facility and event requirements. Please vote "YES" on these urgent measures. Thank you for your time and commitment to protecting both public and environmental health.

Communication from Public

Name: Vivian

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 01:49 PM

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Name: Andrea

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Communication from Public

Name: Tim Shestek

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 06:13 PM

Council File No: 21-0064

Comments for Public Posting: Attached is a letter from the following organizations in opposition to Item #29 on the December 6, 2022 City Council agenda. Thank you in advance for considering our views. American Chemistry Council Plastics Industry Association Valley Industry & Commerce Association Western Growers Association California Retailers Association California League Food Producers Los Angeles County Business Federation Dart Container Corporation Western Plastics Association California Restaurant Association Foodservice Packaging Institute California Manufacturers & Technology Association Pactiv Evergreen Tekni-Plex Consumer Technology Association California Fuels & Convenience Alliance California Chamber of Commerce



December 5, 2022

The Honorable Paul Krekorian, Council President
Members, Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street, Room 340
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: **December 6 Agenda Item #29 (21-0064) - OPPOSE**

Dear Council President Krekorian and Members of the City Council:

The undersigned organizations, representing a cross-section of material suppliers, packaging manufacturers, food producers, restaurants, retailers and others, are respectfully opposed to the proposed ordinance prohibiting the distribution and sale of expanded polystyrene products.

We certainly support the intent of reducing packaging waste and disposal and it is for this very reason many of us were constructively engaged in the enactment of [SB 54](#), legislation authored by Senator Ben Allen (D) and signed into law by Governor Gavin Newsom (D) establishing the Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act.

SB 54, among other things requires that producers achieve a 25% source reduction of plastics in single-use products by 2032 and a 30% recycling, reuse or composting rate for single-use plastics by 2028, followed by a 40% rate by 2030 and a 65% rate by 2032. The law also requires producers to help finance improvements to the state's recycling and composting infrastructure so that more material can be recycled, and reduce the cost burden to local governments, waste haulers/recyclers, and the public. Eco-modulated fees on packaging paid by producers will undoubtedly re-shape the packaging market over the next decade and the law will help create more robust end-use markets for material collected for recycling and composting.

The law also requires producers and plastic resin manufacturers to pay \$500M per year for 10 years into an environmental mitigation fund to support a variety of recycling and natural resource related projects and programs.

Importantly and specifically related to the proposed ordinance is SB 54 imposes specific recycling rate requirements on expanded polystyrene foodservice products:

“Producers of expanded polystyrene food service ware shall not sell, offer for sale, distribute, or import in or into the state expanded polystyrene food service ware unless the producer demonstrates to the department that all expanded polystyrene meets the following recycling rates:

(A) Not less than 25 percent on and after January 1, 2025.

(B) Not less than 30 percent on and after January 1, 2028.

(C) Not less than 50 percent on and after January 1, 2030.

(D) Not less than 65 percent on and after January 1, 2032, and annually thereafter.”

It is important to point out that other expanded polystyrene packaging will continue to be subject to the plastic recycling rate requirements contained in SB 54. Enactment of a statewide comprehensive packaging recycling and reduction policy enables the regulated community to clearly understand the compliance requirements, work to support recycling and composting programs, and develop end use markets so that collected material can be used as feedstock in the production of new packaging.

A one-off ordinance that bans a specific packaging material has the potential to unnecessarily disrupt the intended extended producer responsibility (EPR) system created under SB 54. The passage of SB 54 took several years and involved significant discussions with a wide range of stakeholders. This new law should be given time to work before local governments adopt separate packaging requirements. A statewide uniform set of rules can help drive system efficiencies and ensure materials are available that are best suited and cost-effective for specific uses and customers. The proposed ordinance would be fully implemented beginning April 22, 2024, just a few months before the first EPS foodservice recycling rate requirement must be met. We question whether the city’s expenditures of time and resources to implement this ordinance is necessary given the passage of SB 54.

Finally, we understand the City has determined this ordinance qualifies for a categorical exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The accompanying analysis concludes that “the ordinance would not result in a significant impact, either direct, indirect, or cumulative...The analysis is based on the assumption that there will be a shift away from EPS products due to the ordinance to other substitute products, where they are available.”

The report goes on to say “It is reasonably foreseeable that a wide spectrum of replacement products will be made from a variety of materials and used as replacements in various degrees within different contexts. Therefore, a life-cycle analysis of the potential substitute products is not warranted nor possible for the proposed ordinance because a large number of potential replacement material and product combinations could be used to replace EPS products.”

It is not clear from the information presented whether likely replacement products to EPS packaging (especially food service packaging materials) can be effectively recycled and composted within the city limits. Will city residents be able to recycle or compost food service containers and do end use markets current exist for these materials?

The City’s [recycling webpage](#) states that “Heavily soiled papers or bags with oils or food waste should be placed inside the black bin” meaning those materials will be sent to a landfill. Forcing restaurants and others to shift to packaging materials that may not be accepted in the city’s own recycling programs raises questions as to the overall impact of the proposed ordinance. We believe that prior to enacting

any such ordinance, the City should conduct a more robust environmental impact analysis so that these questions and issues can be more fully addressed.

Though we support policies that expand recycling programs, reduce waste and create new markets for recovered materials, we believe these objectives are better achieved under the system established by SB 54. We encourage the City to work with the business community to ensure the successful implementation of the state's new packaging law. Thank you for the opportunity to share our views.

Sincerely,

Tim Shestek
American Chemistry Council

Kris Quigley
Plastics Industry Association

Stuart Waldman
Valley Industry & Commerce Association

Gail Delihant
Western Growers Association

Steve McCarthy
California Retailers Association

Trudi Hughes
California League Food Producers

Sarah Wiltfong
Los Angeles County Business Federation

Jonathan Choi
Dart Container Corporation

Cherish Changala
Western Plastics Association

Matt Sutton
California Restaurant Association

Carol Patterson
Foodservice Packaging Institute

Rob Spiegel
California Manufacturers & Technology Association

Lynn Dyer
Pactiv Evergreen

Brad Baden
Tekni-Plex

Ally Peck
Consumer Technology Association

Alessandra Magnasco
California Fuels & Convenience Alliance

Adam Regele
California Chamber of Commerce

Communication from Public

Name:

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