

Scollick, Phil

From: Rebecca Vered <rebeccavered@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 3:13 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; Jones, Rebecca; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Walton, Randy; Jenkins, Sharon
Cc: mitch@surfridersd.org; Rebecca Vered
Subject: In Support of ORDINANCE 2021-1507, Single-Use Plastics

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

My name is Rebecca, I am a San Marcos resident who loves the coast and I have an interest in protecting it. I am someone, like yourself, who cares about our environment and the devastating effects single-use plastic and waste has on our coast. It is very important to me that the City of San Marcos address the global plastic pollution crisis affecting our oceans with the urgency it requires.

Thank you for directing city staff to draft a plastic pollution reduction ordinance for your review. I respect the time and effort your staff has put into this ordinance. I stand with The Surfrider Foundation in urging you to adopt the ordinance at your Oct 12 council meeting.

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Sincerely,
Rebecca Vered

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From: Paula Rucinski <pjrucinski@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:39 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; +rjones@san-marcos.net; +mnunez@san-marcos.net;
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From: Ben Rubenson <ben@surfridersd.org>
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From: Jenny Roberts <jenny@surfridersd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:42 PM
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Please join the wave of change by moving forward with the single-use plastic ordinance proposed by staff. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Jenny Roberts
Rise Above Plastics
South San Diego County
jenny@surfridersd.org
551-265-9176

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From: Rocky Beach <rockybeach365@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:31 PM
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From: Janis <janisjones@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:30 PM
To: City Clerk General Email
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Janis Jones

Sent from my iPhone

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Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:19 PM
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Sincerely,
Erin Schulhofer

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From: Karina Reyes <karinarenereyes@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:13 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; +rjones@san-marcos.net; +mnunez@san-marcos.net;
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Sincerely,

Karina Reyes

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From: Christine Dorrity <christinedorrity@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:11 PM
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Sincerely,

Christine Dorrity

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From: Becky Rosaler <brosaler@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 2:07 PM
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Dear Mayor Rebecca Jones and City Council Members,

San Marcos residents have a respect and admiration for our natural environment. It is seen in the parks, trails, lakes, and waterways throughout our city. As a resident, I want the best for our community members, both now and for generations to come. It is pertinent that we step up and play our part to curb the global plastic pollution crisis that is impacting our streams, creeks, and oceans.

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Becky Rosaler

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From: Ryan Hauman <rmhauman@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:42 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; Jones, Rebecca; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Walton, Randy; Jenkins, Sharon
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Honorable Mayor and City Council, my name is Ryan Hauman and living as a San Marcos resident who loves the coast and cares about its protection, it is very important to me that the City of San Marcos address the global plastic pollution crisis affecting our oceans with the urgency it requires. As an individual growing up by the ocean I consider myself a true waterman who enjoys hobbies such as surfing and diving. I would say I have witnessed first hand on numerous occasions the pollution crisis and how negatively it has affected our coast. I have traveled up and down Californias coast and have seen firsthand how devastating the issue continues to be and I would even say it has become worse since I was younger. Being involved in a beach community i can attest that there are so many people passionate and ready to make a difference. However that being said, this is much more than just a personal concern. Since the ocean is something I hold very dear, I would like to thank you for directing city staff to draft a plastic pollution reduction ordinance for your review. I stand with The Surfrider Foundation in urging you to adopt the ordinance at your Oct 12 council meeting. The ordinance includes a generous timeline to ensure food service establishments have ample lead time to comply, along with proper exemptions to safeguard public health and residents with disabilities. Non-plastic food ware accessory alternatives are widely available in today's marketplace, and requiring customers to request them will save businesses money and put ownership over their consumption back where it belongs - with the customer. Requiring disposable food ware to be recyclable or compostable is a common sense measure to reduce overall waste that goes to landfill, especially in light of statewide mandates to provide organic composting per SB1383. Lastly, EPS foam fragments from food ware consistently rank as one of the top 3 items found in Surfrider beach cleanups countywide. In 2019, Surfrider volunteers removed over 34,000 pieces of EPS foam from San Diego County beaches. Due to its light weight and brittle nature, foam food ware quickly breaks down into smaller pieces and is notoriously difficult - and often impossible - to clean up. Most large fast food chains, McDonald's included, stopped using EPS foam in the late 1980's due to its poor environmental record. And over 100 California cities have successfully passed an EPS ordinance, including Encinitas, Solana Beach, Del Mar, San Diego, and Vista in San Diego County. Please protect our ocean, beaches and planet by voting to approve Ordinance 2021-1507. It is a great first step in the right direction for a cleaner San Marcos and a cleaner coastline. Participating in beach cleanups throughout my life has only showed me how big of a concern this issue is. The time to act is now and I believe taking these needed steps are the key to protecting the beautiful environment that is the ocean. Thank you for your time and service. Sincerely, Ryan Hauman

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From: CINDY BRANIFF <cinmax@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 1:06 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; Jones, Rebecca; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Walton, Randy; Jenkins, Sharon
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From: Noah Jerge <njerge15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:48 PM
To: City Clerk General Email; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Walton, Randy; Jenkins, Sharon
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Thank you,
Noah Jerge

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From: Noah Jerge <njerge15@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:44 PM
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From: Kevin Lee <Kevin@drbronner.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:25 PM
To: City Clerk General Email
Cc: Jones, Rebecca; Nuñez, Maria; Musgrove, Ed; Walton, Randy; Jenkins, Sharon; Darcy Shiber-Knowles
Subject: In Support of ORDINANCE 2021-1507, Single-Use Plastics
Attachments: 211012_SanMarcosCityCouncilSingleUsePlasticLetter.pdf

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

Please see attached for comments from Dr. Bronner's in support of ORDINANCE 2021-1507, Single-Use Plastics for City Council Meeting Agenda Item TMP-1605.

Sincerely,

Darcy Shiber-Knowles & Kevin Lee

Kevin Lee (He/Him)
Environmental Impact & Compliance Specialist
760-743-2211 x446

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From: Plantiful Picnic <ashleyeande@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:15 PM
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Good afternoon Mayor and City Council,

I am a resident of San Marcos and I love the coast and ocean. The protection of our ocean is very important to me. We are facing a plastic pollution crisis and a climate crisis. Plastics pollute our oceans and the production of plastics burns fossil fuels. We must take bold action right now in cutting plastic use in order to prevent further damage to our ocean and curb the effects of climate change. It is very important to me that San Marcos implements this ordinance to reduce pollution from single-use plastics.

Thank you for your time.

Ashley Anderson

Scollick, Phil

From: Amy Peters <amykpeters@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 12:02 PM
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Sincerely,

Amy Peters

Scollick, Phil

From: Celia Conover <cc@studioconover.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 12, 2021 11:45 AM
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From: Jenifer Powell <patterson.jlyn@gmail.com>
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From: Alfonso <surfandturfds@gmail.com>
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Sincerely,

A proponent for Earth
Dylan Davenport

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Sincerely, Leanne Buck



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I am writing to ask that you vote in support of Ordinance 2021-1507 in the City Council Meeting this evening.

As a North County resident who actively cleans beaches with my young children, I believe we are all responsible for creating the change we need in the world to reduce unnecessary waste and plastic pollution in our landfills, waterways and oceans. In our simple acts of activism, we try to lead by example in this responsibility but we need your help to drive greater awareness of the plastic pollution crisis in our community. Awareness is the first step towards change and many of our local businesses and consumers still do not think twice about simply throwing away plastic cutlery that is never recycled in San Diego and will likely last millenia in our landfills and natural environment.

The requests in this ordinance are essentially “no brainer” rules to eliminate the use of non-recyclable materials like polystyrene foam. Did you know that polystyrene is a known carcinogen? So by allowing local businesses to put hot food in this material, you are not only condoning the use of a material that will last forever in our landfills and natural environment, but also allowing residents of your county to ingest leached chemicals that could cause serious health problems.

Please vote to take action on this issue and join Vista, Oceanside, Carlsbad, Encinitas and Solana Beach in the commitment to protect our local environment as well as the residents themselves.

Sincerely,

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