



## Excellent Packaging & Supply

December 5, 2018

City of Berkeley

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Sincerely,

Allen King, President  
Excellent Packaging & Supply  
And Berkeley Resident.  
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**From:** kandap@juno.com  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2018 4:16 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Please DO vote YES to Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction! As a Berkeley resident who lives on Euclid Avenue and regularly cleans up the Foodware Litter tossed from cars into the gutter and sidewalk, I strongly support this excellent measure. Once again Berkeley can make a difference. May it pass!

Katherine Pope

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December 6, 2018

Berkeley City Council Members  
Mayor Arreguin  
2180 Milvia Street  
5th Floor Berkeley, CA 94704  
Via Email



**Re: Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance- STRONG SUPPORT**

Dear Mayor Arreguin and Members of the City Council:

As a Berkeley-based nonprofit providing global expertise on waste prevention and management options, and with staff who live in Berkeley, we applaud Council Member Hahn and Mayor Arreguin introducing the proposed ordinance (Items 16a, 16b, and 27) to reduce single use foodware and litter and strongly urge an AYE vote on this measure. Passing this ordinance will help Berkeley reduce single use foodware items and ensure disposable foodware is safer for public health and the environment. It represents a brave step forward in tackling a tough problem.

Cities all across the U.S. are drowning in single use packaging, primarily plastic, that is hard to recycle and compost. These are products- typically used in a manner of minutes- that have huge environmental impact, regardless of whether they are made from petroleum-based plastic, bio-plastic, paper, or agricultural waste.

It's clear that we can't recycle and compost our way out of this deluge of plastic and packaging waste. Berkeley is wise to seek solutions at the top of the waste management hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to drive reduction and reuse. If local government is to reach the 75% diversion from landfill goal of AB 341, it will have to do more than recycle and compost. Similarly, to achieve the stormwater permit requirements established by the state and regional water boards, Berkeley and other jurisdictions will need to do more than capture and cleanup trash. In both cases, a prevention / source reduction approach is needed.

We support the cup charge and mandating reusables for on-site dining. Inevitably, these measures will save food service operations money as they get to keep the cup charges and will find cost savings associated with purchasing fewer disposables and having less waste to haul. These have been the outcomes for over 100 businesses that have made similar changes while participating in ReThink Disposable. We also support banning PFAS substances in disposable food packaging. There is ample evidence demonstrating that per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are among the most health and environment-threatening, persistent, and indestructible chemicals currently in use. They migrate out of the package, into our food and beverages, leach into ground and surface water, contaminate compost, and can be taken up by crops. Banning their use in food packaging is essential.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on this important measure.

Sincerely,

Monica Wilson  
Associate Director  
GAIA U.S. Office

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**From:** Jonathan Corn <joncorn8@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2018 5:39 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Support for the Single Use Reduction Item #27

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Jon Corn and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,

Jon Corn



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**From:** Paula White <paula@thewatershedproject.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 11:07 AM  
**To:** Davila, Cheryl  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Letter of support for the proposed foodware ordinance  
**Attachments:** LOSCity of Berkeleyfoodwareordinance.docx

Dear Councilmember Avila,

I have attached a letter of support for the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction ordinance to be review on the Dec.11 City Council meeting.

I write both as a Berkeley resident who lives in your district and as an employee of The Watershed Project. Our mission is to inspire the community to appreciate, understand, and protect our watersheds. I have attached a letter of support from The Watershed Project.

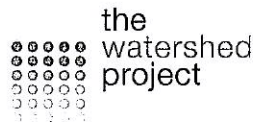
I believe that this legislation is a necessary step towards reducing the burgeoning quantities of trash on our streets brought upon by increasing food and beverage packaging. The sheer volume of waste is overwhelming our infrastructure. We need to find ways to reduce the amount of packaging out there, and I believe that this legislation is a great leap forward in doing so.

I urge you to support the ordinance.

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Paula White  
2340 8th St.  
Berkeley, CA 94710  
510-704-1796





Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

The Watershed Project applauds the City of Berkeley's leadership on Zero Waste initiatives. I am writing to express our **strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction**, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a thorough, well-researched and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

The Watershed Project wholeheartedly embraces bold initiatives that reduce plastic waste. This ordinance addresses consumer dining trends towards more heavily packaged take-out and delivered foods. In the proposed ordinance, businesses and consumers share responsibility for reducing waste – businesses by providing compostable and recyclable materials and consumers either by paying for single-use packaging or bringing their own containers. The data we collect during Coastal Cleanup Day and similar volunteer cleanup events shows that plastic food and beverage packaging items comprise the majority of items collected. At our events we encourage participants to bring their own supplies, including reusable water bottles, and pledge to reduce waste, but voluntary measures only go so far. We agree with the City that stronger regulations are needed to control the source of littered items in order to reduce marine debris and to comply with municipal and state stormwater and waste diversion requirements.

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Sincerely,

Paula White  
Project Coordinator  
The Watershed Project

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**From:** Sandra Curtis <sandra@plasticpollutioncoalition.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2018 10:34 AM  
**To:** Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** City Clerk; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Harrison, Kate; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; Kesarwani, Rashi  
**Subject:** Re: Support for Foodware Ordinance  
**Attachments:** Berkeley Letter of Support for Foodware Ordinance to Mayor and City Council 12-6-18.docx

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Please find a letter of support from me personally as a long-time resident of the City and also from my organization, Plastic Pollution Coalition.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Best regards,  
Sandra Curtis

On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 10:12 AM Sandra Curtis <sandra@plasticpollutioncoalition.org> wrote:  
Dear Sophie,

Thank you for taking leadership on this issue. Please find a letter of support from me personally as a long-time resident of the City and your constituent and also from my organization, Plastic Pollution Coalition.

I am so proud that our community cares deeply about this issue and we are poised to set a new standard that will be emulated around the country.

Warm regards,  
Sandy

On Thu, Dec 6, 2018 at 10:05 AM Sandra Curtis <sandra@plasticpollutioncoalition.org> wrote:  
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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership on Zero Waste issues in the City of Berkeley. As a longtime Berkeley resident, I'm writing to express my strong personal support **of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction**, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. I am also urging that you support this trend-setting proposal in my role as Director of Innovative Project for Plastic Pollution Coalition. It will become a game changer in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

This is a critical time. We're in the middle of a global plastic pollution crisis, with plastic production slated to increase by 40% in the next decade. The amount that we're creating is neither sustainable, nor compatible with life on this planet.

In just the last few decades, people have come to expect plastic straws, plastic lids, and stirrers in every drink, along with plastic cutlery and condiment packets in every "to-go" order. Whether picnicking or bringing it home, this indiscriminate distribution of single-use plastic is an example of extreme waste generated for minimal convenience. These "tools" and plastic packaging are quickly dropped into waste bins without further thought, instantly becoming a growing source of plastic pollution.

The continued use of unnecessary, disposable plastic perpetuates our dependence on fossil fuels and exacerbates climate change, as nearly all single-use plastic straws, stirrers, lids, and cutlery are made from petroleum. Addressing source reduction of single-use plastic foodware is a positive, cost-saving and attainable first step.

Given our existing infrastructure and the closed door from China, U.S. plastic recycling rates are projected to drop from 4.4% in 2018 to 2.9% in 2019. As this un-recycled plastic ends up in our oceans, it creates a toxic environment for humans and marine animals alike. Plastic pieces float along the ocean's surface and throughout the water column; it has even been found in the Mariana Trench, the deepest point of the ocean floor. If business continues as usual, experts predict our ocean will have more plastic than fish (by weight) in 2050. Microplastics are being ingested by the entire marine food chain. We also know that the chemicals used in plastic correlate to the alarming global increase in obesity, diabetes and cancer rates.

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Berkeley has set the bar on waste reduction strategies since the 1980's with the polystyrene ban and Carryout Bag Reduction legislation, which is now state law. This is the time for Berkeley to take another strong stand. Addressing the over-use of disposable foodware is a vital step towards improving both human and environmental health.

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**"The health of our waters is the principle measure of how we live on the land."**

– Luna Leopoldin

Thank you, Berkeley, for your leadership.

Onward,



Sandra Curtis, Director of Innovative Projects, Plastic Pollution Coalition



Dianna Cohen, CEO, Plastic Pollution Coalition



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**From:** Anna Whitney <awhitney@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:28 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** In Support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction

Dear Mayor and Councilmembers,

I have worked on zero waste issues for a number of years now and the best zero waste policies are those that champion REDUCTION. I have specifically been tracking this ordinance and it has been crafted to accommodate the needs of businesses while still pushing them to do the right thing.

I am in strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance.

Thank you,  
Anna Whitney



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**From:** Jeff Shaddock <digjshaddock@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 06, 2018 11:30 AM  
**To:** Davila, Cheryl; Kesarwani, Rashi; Bartlett, Ben; Harrison, Kate; Droste, Lori; Robinson, Rigel; Wengraf, Susan; Hahn, Sophie; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction agenda item support

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership on Zero Waste issues. I am writing to express **Oxford Elementary School "Heirs to the Ocean" and Jeff and Jessica Shaddock's** strong support of the **Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction**, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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**It is time to take meaningful leadership action on this important issue.**

Sincerely,

Jeff Shaddock

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**From:** Leah Redwood <leahredwood@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2018 10:59 AM  
**To:** Bartlett, Ben  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,  
Leah Redwood  
Figlandia Cohousing Community  
2817 California St.  
Berkeley, CA 94703



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**From:** Vivienne Lam <vivienlam@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2018 7:51 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** My support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Vivienne Lam and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Best Regards,  
**Vivienne Lam**



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**From:** Marilyn Ichioka <marilynichioka@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** Harrison, Kate; Berkeley Mayor's Office  
**Cc:** Kesarwani, Rashi; Davila, Cheryl; Bartlett, Ben; Hahn, Sophie; Wengraf, Susan; Robinson, Rigel; Droste, Lori; City Clerk  
**Subject:** I support Single Use Foodware Reduction, Item #27

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

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Sincerely,

Marilyn and Victor Ichioka

2208 Roosevelt Ave  
Berkeley, CA 94703

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**From:** Diana Bohn <nicca@igc.org>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2018 7:29 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** PLEASE support disposable-free dining!

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership on Zero Waste issues over the years. I am writing to express **strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction**, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Diana Bohn  
District 5



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**From:** caryn graves <caryn@lmi.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2018 7:45 AM  
**To:** Kesarwani, Rashi  
**Cc:** City Clerk  
**Subject:** Please support the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction

Dear Councilmember Kesarwani,

Thank you for your leadership on Zero Waste issues. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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I strongly urge you to vote yes to adopt this ordinance and the associated referrals to the City Manager. It is the right thing for Berkeley, and the right thing for the planet.

Sincerely,

Caryn Graves  
1642 Curtis St.  
Berkeley



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**From:** Natasha Ham <natashaham@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2018 11:17 PM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Disposable-Free Dining Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Natasha Ham and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,

Natasha Ham



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Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

Thank you for your leadership on Zero Waste issues. I am writing to express Greenpeace USA's **strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27** on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution. We also request that the disabled community play a large role in deciding the alternatives that are acceptable to their needs.

We are at a pivotal moment in time. Cities all across the country are drowning in single-use plastic foodware and packaging. Single-use plastic items are choking our waterways and polluting our environment. The equivalent of one garbage truck full of plastic enters our oceans every minute, every day, all year long. Microplastics are so ubiquitous in our oceans that they are now commonly found in our seafood, drinking water, salt, and even in the air, we breathe.

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Sincerely,

Natalie Nava  
Greenpeace USA  
Plastics Project Leader



**Benado, Tony**

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**From:** Serena Patel <serena.patel@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:15 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Disposable-Free Dining Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Serena Patel and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Serena Patel

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**Serena Patel**  
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**From:** Julia Sherman <juliasherman@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:20 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Disposable-Free Dining Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Julia Sherman and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Julia Sherman

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Julia K. Sherman  
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**From:** Liam Will <liamwill@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:35 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Foodware Reduction Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Liam and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Liam Will



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**From:** Claire Rausser <crausser@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:42 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** FoodWare Reduction Ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

My name is Claire Rausser and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Claire Rausser

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**From:** Kylie Murdock <kyliemurdock@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:39 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Kylie Murdock and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Kylie

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**Kylie Murdock**  
UC Berkeley Class of 2020  
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Minor in Environmental Economics and Policy  
[kyliemurdock@berkeley.edu](mailto:kyliemurdock@berkeley.edu)



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**From:** Sarah Abdeslahian <sarahabdeslahian@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:57 AM.  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** In Support of Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction (Item #27)

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Sarah Abdeslahian, I am a student at UC Berkeley, and the ASUC Campus Organizing Director. **I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda.** The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,

**Sarah Abdeslahian**  
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**From:** Den Paul <denpaulcortez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:45 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Regarding foodware reduction ordinance

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Den Paul Cortez and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,

Den Paul Cortez

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

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**From:** Tom Miller <milltom@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, December 09, 2018 6:17 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda! Our family strongly supports this measure, and hope that, if passed, it will inspire other communities as well!

Tom Miller  
160 Panoramic Way, Berkeley, CA 94704

**Benado, Tony**

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**From:** Ellen Hahn <ellen33@att.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 11:41 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda! It's a good start to making a dent in the huge global problem of unnecessary plastic waste.

Sincerely,

Ellen Hahn



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**From:** Danny Wedding <danny.wedding@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, December 08, 2018 10:07 AM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda!

THIS HAS OUR STRONG SUPPORT, BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP.

Berkeley should lead on environmental issues.

Danny Wedding  
511 Santa Barbara Road  
Berkeley, CA 94707-1716

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**From:** jacque <jacqueensign@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 5:51 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda!

Jacque Ensign

## **Benado, Tony**

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**From:** Sandra Ludlow <[tcm@sandaludlow.com](mailto:tcm@sandaludlow.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 7:44 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L.; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda!

Kind Regards,

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**From:** Sheila Jordan <sheilaj94703@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 4:02 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda! It makes sense on so many levels.

Thanks for your consideration. FYI. I had lunch today at Cactus Taqueria on Solano. I was not offered a straw and happily consumed my drink without one.

**Sheila Jordan**

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**From:** Becky Grether <bjgrether@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 1:38 PM  
**To:** Hahn, Sophie; Arreguin, Jesse L; Harrison, Kate; Wengraf, Susan; Kesarwani, Rashi; Robinson, Rigel; Bartlett, Ben; Davila, Cheryl; Droste, Lori; All Council; City Clerk; Manager, C  
**Subject:** Vote YES to Reduce Throwaway Foodware

Thank you for voting YES on item 27 on the December 11 Council Agenda!

**Benado, Tony**

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**From:** Leslie Yin <lyin@berkeley.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 10, 2018 11:27 AM  
**To:** All Council  
**Subject:** Support for Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction

Dear Mayor and City Councilmembers,

My name is Leslie and I am a student at UC Berkeley. I am writing to express my strong support of the Single Use Disposable Foodware and Litter Reduction, Item #27 on the December 11th City Council meeting agenda. The ordinance represents a brave and necessary step forward in tackling plastic waste and pollution.

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Sincerely,  
Leslie Yin