
From: Erika Zollett <ezollett@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 15, 2022 8:37 PM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Public Comment: Plastic Reduction Ordinance

To the Goleta City Council,

I applaud you for considering a comprehensive plastic reduction ordinance. As an environmental scientist and conservationist with over 20 years of expertise in conservation and the marine environment, I am excited by the proposals which would make Goleta the first in the region to encourage reusables by adding a minimal fee on to-go cups and to ban balloons that regularly pollute our marine environment. I also support the proposals to require to-go foodware accessories be non-plastic and home compostable. This will encourage restaurants to utilize alternative materials such as paper and bamboo that are less damaging to our planet.

As someone who spends extensive time on the water and who participates regularly in beach clean-ups, I believe these changes would make significant improvements in reducing the waste found in storm drains, creeks, and inevitably, our ocean. We are fortunate to share a thriving marine environment with a diversity of animals, including filter-feeding marine mammals (that attract many tourists!). These large whales that we all love to see and appreciate, swim with their mouths open and suck in whatever is in their paths, whether it be food or debris. We regularly pull plastic bags and mylar balloons from the ocean, and stranded marine mammals, globally, are found to contain both types of trash in their stomachs, often likely contributing to their deaths.

Approving the plastic reduction ordinance is a step in the right direction, and aligns Goleta with being a leader in protecting our planet and living up to its "good land" reputation. Thank you for considering this ordinance, which I urge you to approve.

Sincerely,
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From: Elizabeth Blair <elizabeth.blair.consultant@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 16, 2022 8:41 AM
To: City Clerk Group
Subject: Public Forum Comments

Members of the City Council,

I am speaking in strong support for the Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations to Address Single-Use Plastics and Polystyrene.

Each of the actions proposed will contribute to a stronger community and healthier planet.

I thank each of you for considering this significant opportunity.

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