



CITY COUNCIL ACTION REQUEST			
Department(s): Environmental Services	Date: 6/11/18	Coordination: City Manager's Office and City Attorney	Dept. Approval: /s/ Kerrie Romanow
			CMO Approval:
SUBJECT: AB 1884 (Calderon and Bloom) Food facilities: single-use plastic straws			
RECOMMENDED POSITION: SUPPORT			
RECOMMENDED ACTION:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Adopt a position of support for AB 1884 (Calderon and Bloom). 2. Recommend a one-week turnaround to the June 26, 2018 City Council Meeting so that the City's legislative representative can advocate the City's support for AB 1884. 			
BILL SYNOPSIS:			
<p>This bill would prohibit a food facility, where food may be consumed on the premises, from providing single-use plastic straws to consumers unless requested by the consumer. The first and second violations of these provisions would result in a warning and any subsequent violation would be an infraction punishable by a fine of \$25 for each day the food facility is in violation, but not to exceed an annual total of \$300.</p> <p>AB 1884 excludes public and private school cafeterias, restricted food service facilities, licensed health care facilities, commissaries, mobile food facilities, mobile support units, temporary food facilities, vending machines, certified farmers' markets, farm stands, fishermen's markets, and a food facility with a self-service beverage station from its provisions.</p> <p>Bill language: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1884</p>			
IMPACTS TO CITY OF SAN JOSE:			
<p>This bill would reduce the amount of food-related single use plastics being disposed of or littered in San José. The City defines "zero waste" as landfilling no more than 10 percent of waste, or recycling 90 percent. As of 2016 the overall recycling rate in San José was 69 percent. ESD is expanding efforts to reduce waste generation at the source, and this bill has the potential to help the City reach its goals.</p> <p>Under its Municipal Regional Permit, the City monitors "Trash Hot Spot" sites along its creeks. At 10 out of 32 sites, the City characterizes and records the number and type of items for a portion of the collected trash. Plastic straw litter accounts for 1% of the total trash collected at these sites. Furthermore, the Ocean Conservancy reports that straws are among the top 10 items collected during trash cleanups in California and globally. This bill also has the potential to reduce water usage and greenhouse gas emissions related to the production of these products and result in cost savings to businesses.</p>			
POLICY ALIGNMENT:			
<p>This bill aligns with City's Legislative Guiding Principle to promote sustainable development, environmental protection, and support actions that reduce waste generation at the source.</p>			

SUPPORTERS/OPPONENTS:**Supporters:**

5 Gyres Institute
Algalita Marine Research and Education
Azul
California Association of Professional Scientists
California Coastkeeper Alliance
California League of Conservation Voters
Californians Against Waste
CALPIRG
Center for Biological Diversity
Center for Oceanic Awareness, Research, and Education
Chico Bag
City and County of San Francisco
City of West Hollywood
Clean Water Action
Defenders of Wildlife
Environment California
Environmental Working Group
Friends Committee on Legislation of CA
Heal the Bay
Los Angeles City Councilmember Paul Koretz
National Parks Conservation Association
Natural Resources Defense Council
Plastic Pollution Coalition
Save the Bay
Seventh Generation Advisors
Sierra Club California
StopWaste
Surfrider Foundation
The Last Plastic Straw
The Story of Stuff Project
Trust for Public Land
UPSTREAM Policy
WILDCOAST
Wishtoyo Chumash Foundation
Zero Waste USA
2 Individuals

Opponents:

None on file

STATUS OF BILL:

AB 1884 will be heard in the Senate Environmental Quality Committee on June 20, 2018.

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: Ken Davies, Sustainability and Compliance Manager at 408-975-2587.