



CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS

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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

July 1, 2021

The Honorable Wendy Carrillo
California State Assembly, 51st District
State Capitol, Room 4167
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1276 (Carrillo) – Single-use food accessories
The City of Beverly Hills – Support

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo,

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I write to inform you of our SUPPORT position for your AB 1276, which would require food facilities and third-party delivery platforms provide single-use food and beverage accessories such as utensils, napkins, and condiment packages only upon consumer request.

According to the International Solid Waste Association, which represents recycling bodies in 102 countries, disposable food accessories have contributed to a 250-300 percent increase in single-use plastics and a 30 percent increase in waste. California's local governments and taxpayers spend over \$428 million annually in an ongoing effort to clean up and prevent litter in streets, storm drains, parks, and waterways. Recyclers are also faced with a worsened crisis, as the vast majority of these non-recycled single-use food accessories debase recycling systems and contaminate many commercial compost facilities. This increases costs to collect, sort, process, and dispose of these items for cities and ratepayers.

Controlling plastic pollution involves source reduction in addition to proper end-of-life management. AB 1276 will help reduce the amount of single-use food ware used in California, which has the combined benefits of source reducing the amount of waste generated and potentially reducing the amount of single-use food ware that is littered or otherwise improperly managed. Specifically, this bill expands the current plastic straws upon request law to include all single-use

standard condiments and food service ware distributed by food facilities or third-party food delivery platforms.

For these reasons, we are pleased to SUPPORT your AB 1276. Thank you for authoring this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,



Robert Wunderlich

Mayor, City of Beverly Hills

Cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Environmental Quality Committee
Members and Consultants, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator 26th District
The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblyman 50th District
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