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David Juarez submitted a new eComment.

Meeting: City Council Adjourned Regular Meeting (Closed Session - 6:00 PM and Regular Meeting - 7:00 PM)

Item: 3a) REPORT 19-0769 ORDINANCE NO. 19-1398 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CHAPTER 8.64 OF THE HERMOSA BEACH MUNICIPAL CODE TO EXPAND THE BAN ON POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE WARE TO INCLUDE A BAN ON CERTAIN POLYSTYRENE RODUCTS, SINGLE-USE PLASTIC PRODUCTS, AND SINGLE-USE PRODUCTS AND AMENDING CHAPTER 1.10 TO MAKE VIOLATIONS OF CHAPTER 8.64 AS AMENDED SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTY PROCEDURES (City Clerk Elaine Doerfling)

eComment: November 18, 2019 Hermosa Beach City Council Hermosa Beach City Hall 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254 Re: 3.A, Ban on Single Use Plastic Products, and Restrictions on Non-Plastic Single Use Products Dear Hermosa Beach City Council, On behalf of the Hermosa Beach members of the California Restaurant Association (CRA), I am writing to express our concerns on the proposed ordinance that bans single use plastic food ware, as well as the implementation of the "upon request" policy for non-plastic single use straws, stirrers, and utensils. As an industry that shares the ongoing concern over litter by routinely partnering on litter abatement efforts at the state and local levels, the restaurant community is also concerned about overburdening landfills and has engaged in public policy to encourage recycling and reduce food waste. Comprehensive efforts should be aimed at reducing all composition of material in the landfill and littering in our beaches and waterways. To these goals, CRA has maintained a long-standing history of supporting and advocating for packaging mandates that require all food-packaging materials to be recyclable or compostable. As you consider the proposed ordinance to ban single use plastic products and restrictions on non-plastic single use products, we ask that you consider the following: 1. Quick service establishments with drive thru service must be able to offer straws and other food service products. Although only a handful of

drive thru restaurants exist in Hermosa Beach, we ask you to amend the ordinance to allow drive thru restaurants the ability to offer straws and other food service products. Drive thru service is the most challenging for our community in relation to food packaging restrictions (i.e. straws, utensils, condiments, napkins etc.). Restricting a restaurant's ability to provide drive thru customers with the products they will need to consume the food and drink they have purchased while in their vehicle will cause significant customer inconvenience, frustration, and backlash towards employees once they have driven away from the restaurant. Additionally, there is concern for the safety of our customers while consuming food and drink in their vehicles if not given the expected food packaging materials. For these reasons, we believe that drive thru windows should be excluded from the "upon request" policy and instead be allowed to offer straws and utensils to customers. 2. Any upon request policy should include a public awareness campaign period in which enforcement is delayed a minimum of 12 months to allow time for the industry and customers to change behavior. We know that this policy is driven by the desire to abate the use of unnecessary single use plastic and the impact on our environment. We also recognize that changing public behavior is difficult and takes time. It is essential that as the city moves forward with a policy that it includes a public awareness campaign and a delayed enforcement of a minimum of 12 months to allow the industry to be able to use their entire inventory of single use plastic products, find a reasonable price vendor that possess the allowable packaging materials and allow our customers to become accustomed with the new rules. For these reasons, we respectfully request that any food packaging policy considers the issues we have addressed in this letter and appreciate your time and consideration of our position. We remain committed to working cooperatively to help the council design food packaging policy that will create a public awareness of the environmental impacts and continue to work with city staff to make our members aware of the new rules and ease with the transition. If we can be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact me at djuarez@calrest.org. Respectfully Submitted, David Juarez Director of Local Government Affairs California Restaurant Association

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