

Polystyrene/Styrofoam ban in Pacifica

Target: Citizens of Pacifica interested in banning polystyrene/Styrofoam in Pacifica

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We the people of Pacifica understand the harm(s) of foam and solid polystyrene food service ware to human health and the environment and request that the City of Pacifica eliminate its use from city facilities and events and food vendors/businesses. We ask the City of Pacifica to pass a ban of all foam and solid polystyrene food service ware in Pacifica and require the use of recyclable, reusable, and compostable/biodegradable food service ware.

Following are some of the reasons we are requesting this ban:

- **Styrofoam** and Polystyrene items are a common environmental pollutant that is non-biodegradable.
- **Styrofoam** is notorious as a pollutant that breaks down into smaller and smaller non-biodegradable pieces that are ingested by marine life and other wildlife thus harming or killing them
- **Styrofoam** is one of the common items littered and picked up in Pacifica as a part of the annual statewide Coastal Clean-up Day and the annual Earth Day Clean-up Event.
- **Polystyrene** has been proven by the EPA to have serious impacts on human health, wildlife, the aquatic environment and the economy
- **Styrene** is a known hazardous substance that the FDA suggests may penetrate food and drinks and be ingested by humans.
- **Styrene** is a suspected carcinogen and neurotoxin which potentially threatens human health.
- **The environmental impacts** of manufacturing, using, disposing, energy consumption, greenhouse gas effect, and other environmental effects of Styrofoam and Polystyrene are rated second most harmful in the State of California.
- **A variety of recyclable**, reusable, and compostable/biodegradable food service ware exists that are better for the environment and human health.

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