



DATE: February 13, 2024

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Patricia Dillard and Councilmember Jack Shu

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF DIRECTING STAFF TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE OR ORDINANCES LIMITING THE USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTICS AND OTHER PRODUCTS WHICH ARE MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS TO TRASH AND POLLUTION

We are requesting the Council direct staff to draft an ordinance(s) which will limit the use of single use plastics and other products which are major contributors to trash and pollution. Proposed ordinances, unless noted, will become effective one year after adoption to include: 1) A ban on all use of single use plastic bags and containers from all grocery stores, retail establishments and restaurants. 2) Prohibition on the use of polystyrene foam as a packing material such as “peanuts” and as containers for any drink and food service ware, cooked and uncooked foods including such items as food trays and egg cartons. 3) Require all food services only provide eating utensils including straws and stirrers upon request and must be made of compostable materials. 4) Ban the intentional release into the sky of all lighter-than-air balloons.