



## ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE

### Agenda

Wednesday, March 21, 2012

4:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room  
500 SW Madison

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| Discussion/ <b>Possible Action</b> | I. Ambulance Rate Review<br>(Attachment)                                 |
| Discussion/ <b>Possible Action</b> | II. Economic Improvement District Reauthorization<br>(Attachment)        |
| Discussion/ <b>Possible Action</b> | III. HB 2865 (limits private claims or rights of action)<br>(Attachment) |
| Discussion/ <b>Possible Action</b> | IV. Single-Use Plastic Bag Reduction Update<br>(Attachment)              |
| Information                        | V. Other Business  |

### **Next Scheduled Meeting**

Wednesday, April 4, 2012 at 4:00 pm

Madison Avenue Meeting Room, 500 SW Madison Ave

### **Agenda**

Advisory Question Ballot Title

daVinci Days Bridge Loan Funding Request



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**CORVALLIS FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**MEMORANDUM**  
400 NW Harrison Blvd.  
Corvallis, OR 97330

To: Administration Service Committee  
From: Roy Emery, Fire Chief   
Subject: Annual Ambulance Rate Review  
Date: February 27, 2012

**Background:**

User fees, offsetting reliance on general fund dollars, remain the primary funding source for the Corvallis Fire Department's Emergency Medical Transport services. As in the past, to achieve the balanced approach desired by Council, ambulance rate adjustments have been based upon the alignment with "median" values charged among those agencies reviewed (see attachment A).

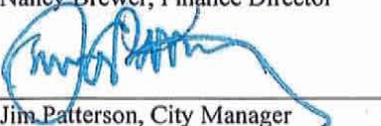
**Information & Findings:**

Staff has again compiled a summary of ambulance rate information for agencies within Benton, Linn, Lane, Yamhill, Polk, and Marion Counties. The areas and agencies were selected in an effort to obtain a representative sample of agencies of similar size, and/or areas served within the Mid-Willamette Valley. The following represent the salient findings and information gained:

- Corvallis rates adopted in 2011 are at or above the "median" for those agencies surveyed.
- Marion County Fire Dist. #1; Keizer Fire; Salem Fire; and Turner Fire Dist all implemented slight increases since the last rate review. Newberg Fire was the only agency who implemented a significant rate increase (e.g., \$440)
- 2011 fee increases (14.5% increases in ALS services) has resulted in approximately \$181,000 in additional charges. Given current payer mix conditions and billing performance, additional charges yield approximately \$92,000 of additional revenue and \$89,000 of additional write-off.
- Mandated write-offs are approximately \$168,956.47 higher than at this same point in FY 10/11.
- 54% of revenues from Fire-Med program are written off to accommodate membership benefit.
- Charitable write-offs approved for CY 2011 responses were \$12,567.02.
- Given the 2011 rate increase and continued performance improvement efforts in our billing process, trends indicate ambulance revenues are likely to exceed anticipated levels by FY end.
- The gradual but steady increase in the number of Medicare/Medicaid patients, the number of third party payer programs containing high deductible/high co-pays, and the level of un-insured within and visiting our community continues to confound fiscal support for responsive and efficient Emergency Medical Services.
- Ongoing economic and inflationary factors continue to impact costs of goods and services essential to the operation and delivery of Emergency Medical Services.

REVIEWED and CONCUR:

  
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Nancy Brewer, Finance Director

  
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Jim Patterson, City Manager

	County	Fire-Med	Specialty Care Transport	BLS-Emergency	ALS 1 Emergency	ALS 2 Emergency	ALS 1 Non-Emergency	BLS Non-Emergency	Evaluation & Treatment No Transport	Transport Mileage (per mile)
Corvallis Fire (Current)	Benton	\$50.00		\$775.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$775.00	\$450.00	\$15.00
Eugene Fire & EMS	Lane	\$62.00		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$20.00
Lane Rural Fire district	Lane	\$62.00		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$20.00
South Lane Fire and Rescue	Lane	\$62.00		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$20.00
Springfield Fire & Life	Lane	\$62.00		\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00	\$800.00	\$20.00
Albany Fire	Linn	\$50.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	\$1,020.00	\$420.00	\$19.50
Jefferson Fire District	Linn	\$50.00		\$700.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$700.00	\$400.00	\$15.00
Lebanon Fire District	Linn	\$50.00		\$743.80	\$854.63	\$854.63	\$854.63	\$743.80	\$274.28	\$13.74
Sweet Home Fire	Linn	\$50.00		\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$177.50	\$13.50
Salem Fire Department	Marion	\$50.00		\$763.00	\$897.25	\$947.25	\$897.25	\$604.25	\$437.75	\$14.25
Marion County Fire District #1	Marion	\$50.00		\$763.00	\$897.25	\$947.25	\$897.25	\$650.00	\$450.00	\$15.00
Keizer Fire District	Marion	\$50.00		\$763.00	\$897.25	\$947.25	\$897.25	\$604.25	\$437.75	\$14.50
Turner Fire District	Marion	\$50.00		\$763.00	\$897.25	\$947.25	\$897.25	\$650.00	\$450.00	\$15.00
Dallas Fire Department	Polk	\$50.00		\$712.00	\$894.00	\$894.00	\$894.00	\$712.00	\$450.00	\$18.00
Polk County Fire District #1	Polk	\$50.00	\$1,050.00	\$759.00	\$855.00	\$950.00	\$855.00	\$759.00	\$404.00	\$15.00
McMinnville Fire	Yamhill	\$50.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$250.00	\$20.00
Newberg Fire Department	Yamhill	\$45.00		\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$1,440.00	\$432.00	\$19.80
<b>Median</b>		\$50.00	\$1,440.00	\$775.00	\$897.25	\$950.00	\$897.25	\$775.00	\$437.75	\$15.00
<b>Median for College/University Communities</b>		\$50.00	\$1,325.00	\$763.00	\$897.25	\$950.00	\$897.25	\$759.00	\$432.00	\$15.00

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Administrative Services Committee

**FROM:** Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 

**SUBJECT:** Downtown Corvallis Association Economic Improvement District

**Issue:**

Council consideration to support the Downtown Corvallis Association's efforts to renew the Economic Improvement District.

**Discussion:**

At their March 5, 2012 City Council meeting, the Council agreed that the Administrative Services Committee should consider the Downtown Corvallis Association's request to initiated a new 5-year Economic Improvement District downtown. Background information is provided in Attachment A. As part of that consideration, the ASC is asked to consider the accompanying Resolution (Attachment B) that authorizes the initiation of the effort, and instructs staff to notify those property owners affected by the District. This process includes two City Council public hearings and opportunities for property owners to voice support of the District or to remonstrate.

The first public hearing is scheduled for April 16, 2012, for the purpose of accepting public comment regarding the attached Resolution.

The second public hearing would be scheduled in June for the purpose of considering an ordinance that would renew the EID for a 5-year period and officially establish the assessment rate.

**Recommended Action:**

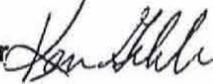
The Committee is asked to review the attached informational documents and proposed Resolution and boundary, and make a recommendation to City Council regarding the requested initiation of an Economic Improvement District to benefit the Downtown Corvallis Association. The ASC recommendation will be considered by the City Council following the April 16, 2012, public hearing.

Review and Concur:

  
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Jim Patterson, City Manager

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Ken Gibb, Community Development Director 

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**Date:** February 27, 2012

**Issue:**

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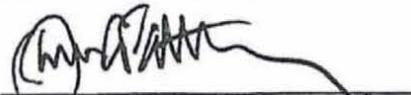
**Discussion:**

Since 1993, the Downtown Corvallis Association has been supported by a voluntary tax assessment on properties within a defined boundary in the downtown area, implemented by an Economic Improvement District, as defined and regulated by ORS 223.112 and Corvallis Municipal Code Chapter 10.07. Per these documents, the City Council must decide whether to support the DCA's request to initiate an Economic Improvement District, subject to minimum participation requirements, and adopt a resolution that establishes the district. A formal request for consideration from the DCA to the Council is included in this packet, along with additional information regarding the DCA its role in the downtown business community. In past years, Council has referred the issue of an Economic Improvement District to the Administrative Services Committee prior to final consideration.

**Recommended Action:**

Council is asked to consider the renewal of an Economic Improvement District as a means to fund the Downtown Corvallis Association, and to refer the issue to the Administrative Services Committee for a recommendation.

Review and Concur:



Jim Patterson, City Manager



February 20, 2012

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**Jennifer Moreland**, Secretary-  
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Corvallis-Benton Chamber Coalition

**EID Task Force Members**

David Dodson  
Steve Hutchison  
Erik Blackledge  
Bill Humphreys, Jr.  
Jennifer Moreland

The Honorable Mayor Julie Manning and  
Corvallis City Councilors  
PO Box 1083  
Corvallis OR 97339

Dear Mayor Manning and Councilors:

The Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA) is currently working to renew the Downtown Economic Improvement District (EID). Property owners who voluntarily participate in the District provide stable funding to keep the DCA operating and enable us to continue with projects to keep Downtown Corvallis vital.

We established the first three EIDs as 3-year Districts, however, in consideration of the lengthy process required for the DCA and City Staff to renew the EID, the decision was made to renew all future EIDs for a 5-year period. Since passage of the first EID in 1993, the DCA has not asked that the assessment rate be increased and will continue with that same request for the upcoming EID, keeping at the 1993 assessment rate.

The DCA is grateful for the encouragement and support it receives from the City and the community.

Sincerely,

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Steve Hutchison  
Board President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dodson".

David Dodson  
EID Task Force Facilitator

"To improve and promote the economic, aesthetic, and cultural vitality of Downtown Corvallis as a regional center"

# The Downtown Corvallis Association

## What is the Downtown Corvallis Association?

The Downtown Corvallis Association (DCA) is a business advocacy organization, working to improve business opportunities and help increase the value of your downtown investment. The DCA is guided by a board of directors composed of eleven local business leaders. Many of organization's accomplishments are due to thousands of volunteer hours from the 400+ DCA Members. DCA's Executive Director, Joan Wessell, has 19+ years of experience working for downtown Corvallis interests and she recently earned downtown main street certification, making her the only certified main street downtown director in Oregon.

## Property Owner & Business Support Provided by the DCA:

- The DCA assisted property owners lease space to over 60 businesses.
- To keep downtown businesses aware of fraud, shoplifting, counterfeit, etc. DCA sends e-alerts & photos, when available.
- To keep downtown property & business owners current, the DCA offers 5-6 business workshops annually.
- The DCA sponsors promotional events year-round to attract thousands to downtown.
- The DCA has granted 75 loans over \$385,478 in zero-interest loans for downtown building improvements.
- The DCA conducts and sponsors marketing and customer surveys to help identify recruiting and marketing opportunities.
- To keep downtown business people informed and connected, the DCA sponsors monthly membership meetings and monthly business networking "after hours" events.

## Advocacy with the City:

- The DCA worked with the City to bring over \$2,185,633 in downtown capital improvement projects in 2011.
- To advocate for downtown interests, DCA board members and executive director serve on several City commissions.

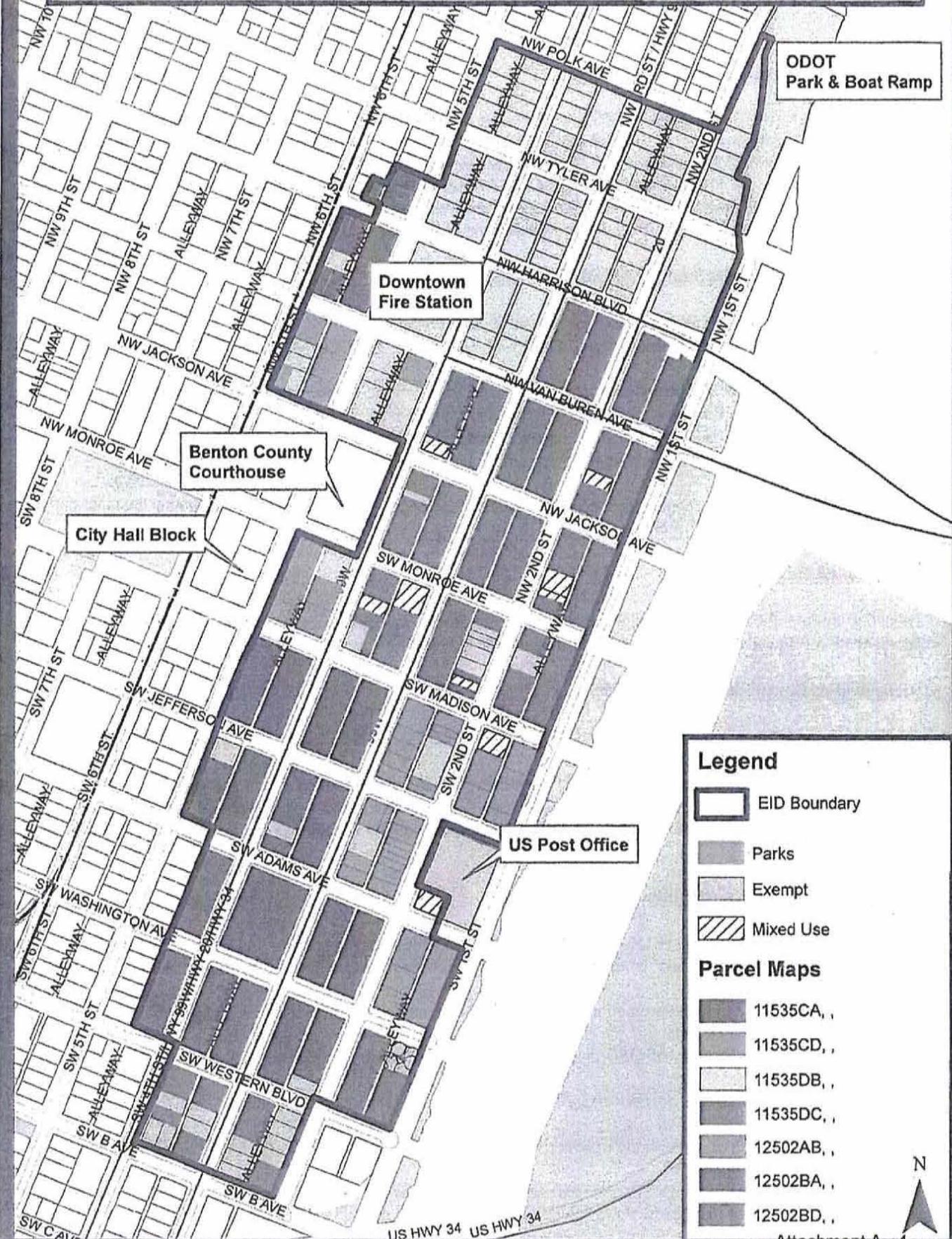
## Management of Downtown Common Area:

- To attract customers to downtown, the DCA provides management services to keep downtown clean, safe, attractive, interesting, and convenient.
- The DCA assists downtown business and property owners with civic beautification efforts and graffiti removal.
- The DCA placed and contributes to care of over 30 custom-designed downtown trash receptacles, participates in and contributes to the downtown flower basket program, and provides holiday decorations and event banners throughout downtown.

## Promotions, Events, and Marketing:

- To attract customers downtown, the DCA sponsors and organizes multiple events throughout the year such as the biannual "rhapsody in the vineyard" wine walk, which has attracted over 34,000 people downtown since its introduction in September 2003.
- The DCA provides marketing and promotional services such as group advertising, festivals, parades, image events, sidewalk sales, and holiday events.
- The DCA co-sponsors activities with OSU to attract students, conference participants, sports fans and others to downtown.
- The DCA markets and promotes downtown Corvallis to customers throughout the community, the Willamette Valley, and the State.
- The DCA sponsors children's events throughout the year, including downtown trick or treat and related activities, and holiday downtown gingerbear.
- For a more detailed listing of the DCA's services and programs, please contact or contact Joan Wessell at: 754-6624 (voice), 740-1326 (cell) or joan@downtowncorvallis.org or visit www.downtowncorvallis.org

# Proposed Economic Improvement District Boundary



ODOT  
Park & Boat Ramp

Downtown  
Fire Station

Benton County  
Courthouse

City Hall Block

US Post Office

**Legend**

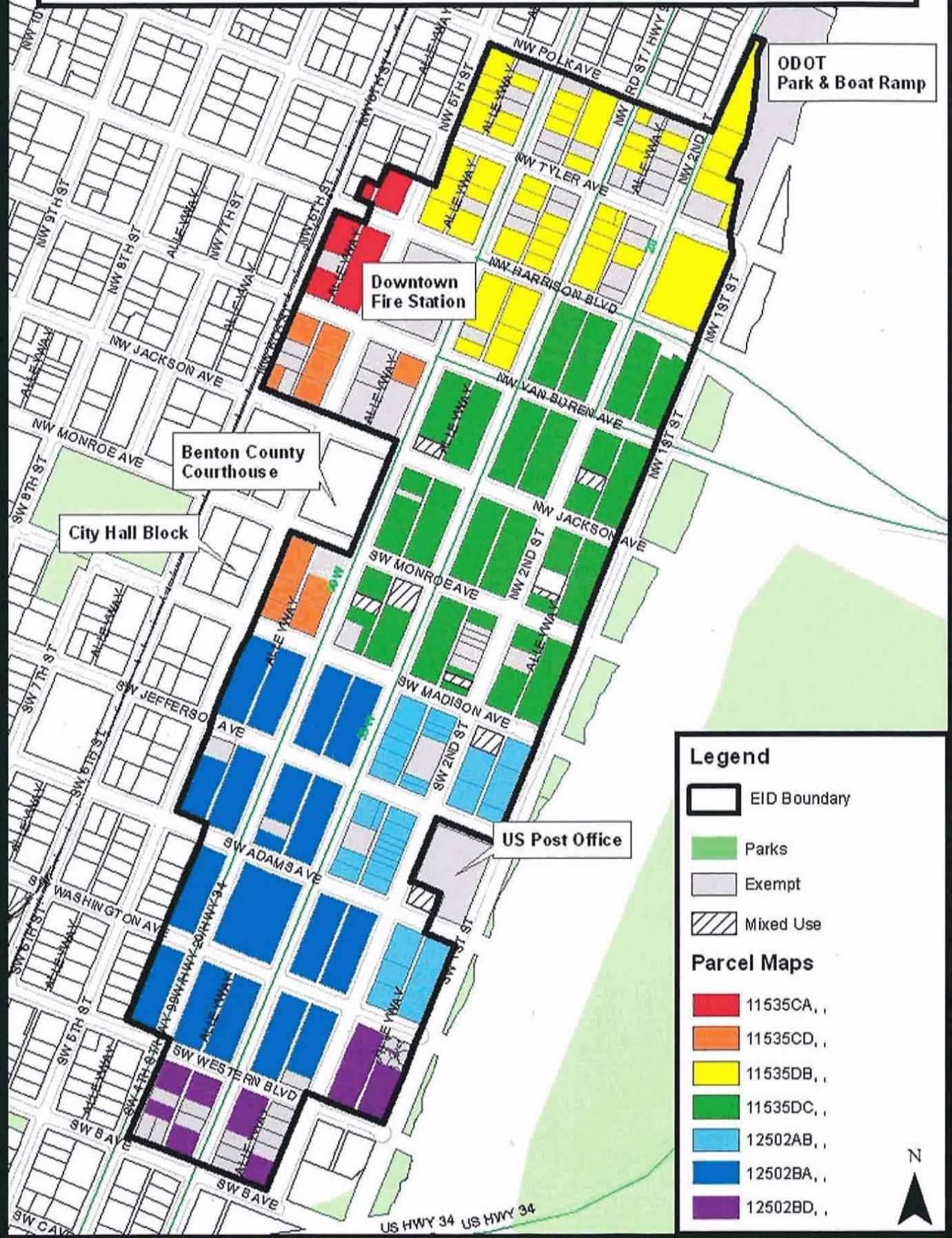
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- Parks
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**Parcel Maps**

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## Legend

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**RESOLUTION 2012-\_\_\_\_\_**

A resolution submitted by Council person \_\_\_\_\_.

Minutes of the meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, continued.

WHEREAS, the City of Corvallis Municipal Code Chapter 10.07 establishes the procedures for the creation of an Economic Improvement District; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on April 16, 2012, before the City Council of the City of Corvallis; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted deliberations on April 16, 2012; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that property owners within the Economic Improvement District will be afforded a special benefit by undertaking the economic improvement project including landscaping or maintenance of public areas, promotion of commercial activity or public events, activities in support of business recruitment and development, improvements in parking systems or parking enforcement, and to fund administrative and miscellaneous costs incurred in furtherance of the above referenced activities; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the property owners within the Economic Improvement District should bear a portion of the cost of the economic improvement project and that an assessment of \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of Assessor's Real Market Value will assign the appropriate share of costs to these property owners;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLVES that the City establish a Downtown Economic Improvement District with boundaries graphically portrayed on Exhibit A.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Community Development Department Staff are authorized to notify owners of non-residential property in the Downtown Economic Improvement District that the City proposes to levy an assessment in the amount of \$1.25 per \$1,000.00 of Assessor's Real Market Value upon their property, unless their property is specifically exempted by Municipal Code Section 10.07.100, to fund the economic improvement project, and that they may remonstrate against the proposed

rate of assessment at or before a public hearing to be held on June 18, 2012, at 7:30 in the City Fire Station Meeting Room, located at 400 NW Harrison Boulevard.

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Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted.

\*\*\*MEMORANDUM\*\*\*

TO: Administrative Services Committee  
FROM: Nancy Brewer, Finance Director *NB*  
DATE: March 5, 2012  
SUBJECT: Resolution to "opt in" to the additional immunity provided for under House Bill 2865

**I. ISSUE**

Staff is proposing a resolution to "opt in" to immunity provided for in House Bill 2865 to limit personal liability.

**II. DISCUSSION**

In its 2011 Regular Session, the Oregon Legislature enacted House Bill 2865 to extend the statutory recreational immunity laws provided to landowners by ORS 105.682. HB 2865 limits private claims or rights of action for personal injury or property damage resulting from use of a trail that is in a public easement or in an unimproved right of way, or from use of structures in the public easement or unimproved right of way, by a user on foot, horse, bicycle, or other non-motorized vehicle or conveyance. HB 2865 was specifically designed to provide additional immunity for cities with a population greater than 500,000. However, the Legislature provided a clause that allows smaller cities such as Corvallis, the opportunity to "opt in" by resolution.

HB 2865 provides that a person who is personally injured or whose property is damaged as a result of using a trail that is in a public easement or unimproved right of way and who is on foot, on a horse, on a bicycle or other non-motorized vehicle does not have a negligence claim against the City including the officers, employees or agents of the City or owners of land abutting the public easement or unimproved right of way. HB 2865 does not grant immunity if injuries were a result of gross negligence or from reckless, wanton or intentional misconduct, or for an activity for which the person is strictly liable.

The City's insurance company, City County Insurance Services (CIS) reviewed HB 2865 and concluded that since trails and unimproved right of ways owned by the City might be used for transportation other than for recreational purposes, the "recreational use" immunity might not be sufficient. Although CIS is uncertain if this additional immunity would be upheld against a legal challenge, they see no disadvantage to "opting in." CIS considers the decision to "opt in" good risk management.

**III. REQUESTED ACTION**

Staff requests ASC to support a resolution (attached) to "opt in" as provided for under HB 2865 to limit the City's liability from certain claims.

Review and Concur:

  
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City Manager

**RESOLUTION 2012 - \_\_\_\_\_**

Minutes of the April 2, 2012, Corvallis City Council meeting, continued.

A resolution submitted by Councilor \_\_\_\_\_.

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the Oregon Legislature enacted House Bill 2865 in its 2011, Regular Session to limit private claims or rights of action based on negligence for personal injury or property damage resulting from use of a trail that is in a public easement or in an unimproved right of way, or from use of structures in the public easement or unimproved right of way, by a user on foot, horse, bicycle, or other nonmotorized vehicle or conveyance ; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that House Bill 2865 applies automatically to cities with a population of 500,000 or more and allows cities with a lesser population to opt in to limit liability in the manner established by law; and

WHEREAS, City Council finds that the City of Corvallis will limit its liability from certain claims by opting into the immunity provided for in House Bill 2865.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS RESOLVES to limit its liability with respect to personal injury or property damage resulting from use of a trail that is in a public easement or in an unimproved right of way, or from use of structures in the public easement or unimproved right of way, with respect to claimants who may be a user on foot, horse, bicycle or other non-motorized vehicle or conveyance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORVALLIS hereby opts into the immunity provided for in House Bill 2865 to limit such liability.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Councilor

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the foregoing resolution was adopted, and the Mayor thereupon declared said resolution to be adopted.

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Services Committee

FROM: Mary Steckel, Interim Public Works Director 

DATE: March 6, 2012

SUBJECT: Process Update for Addressing Single-use Plastic Bags

### ISSUE

The Administrative Services Committee requested a report of work to date on the process to reduce the use of single-use plastic checkout bags.

### DISCUSSION

On February 29, City staff facilitated the third in a series of meetings to identify options to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags in Corvallis. The meeting agenda was developed based on feedback from the Administrative Services Committee meeting on February 22. The Committee suggested that stakeholders discuss recycling of plastic bags and directed staff to prepare two surveys—one for retailers and one for citizens—to assess support for the options under consideration (listed in Attachment A).

Staff developed questions for two surveys and distributed them at the meeting, reviewing the broad themes they were intended to cover: for consumers, opinions on options and habits; for retailers, opinions on options, practices using bags, demographic information, and the impact each option might have on their business. Meeting participants (Attachment B) agreed to examine the questions more thoroughly in the few days after the meeting and provide feedback by March 5. Staff will review the comments and incorporate changes, then forward the survey questions to the City Attorney for review. Upon approval, staff will enter the final questions into the surveys, using features that prevent individual respondents from submitting multiple results. The citizen survey will be posted on the City's plastic bag web page the week of March 5-9. The retail survey will be distributed by the business networks participating in the stakeholder meetings. Staff will generate a press release about the surveys and conduct outreach to retailers outside the local business networks.

Participants at the February 29 meeting also discussed improving recycling of plastic bags, focusing on how recycling might be included in the options under consideration. Julie Jackson of Allied Waste provided information about the company's recycling of plastic film, which currently is collected at the company's recycling depot. Curbside collection presents a problem because the plastic bags can blow away and become litter if not bundled and put in a covered container. The bags also can stick in bins and trucks and get tangled in machinery at the materials recovery facility.

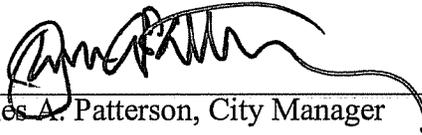
Staff emphasized that the City is seeking outside-the-box ideas to improve recycling, not just to rely on Allied Waste. A couple ideas that emerged were to increase promotion of store recycling efforts and, where allowed, return bags to stores for reuse. However, the group did not come to consensus on ways to significantly increase recycling of plastic bags in Corvallis.

### NEXT STEPS

Staff will complete the citizen and retailer surveys and post them to the City's plastic bag web page. The surveys will remain open for one month, through the public meeting on April 3.

Staff requests that the Council provides input on the actions taken to date and direction on what other information would be germane to its making a decision on the plastic bag issue, including anything it would like to glean from the public meeting.

Review and concur:



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James A. Patterson, City Manager

## Attachment A: Scope and Working Definitions

Scope: Reduce from all retail locations single-use plastic (natural and synthetic) carryout bags that are provided at point of sale and that are less than 2.25 millimeters thick.

### Options:

1. Ban on plastic bags with a pass-through fee on paper bags. The fee would stay with the retailer to offset the cost of shifting to paper. The pass-through fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
2. Pass-through fee on plastic and paper bags. Retailers and consumers would still have the choice of paper or plastic. The fee would stay with the retailer, but would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
3. Voluntary education of and by retailers about the plastic problem to encourage use of reusable bags. Details of this option, such as who would lead the effort, were not fleshed out.

Plastic: Any of a group of synthetic or natural organic materials that may be shaped when soft and then hardened (generally heated, then cooled).

Retail establishment: Any store or vendor—except those where the primary business is the preparation or food or drink—located within or doing business within the geographical limits of the City of Corvallis that sells or offers for sale goods at retail.

Carryout / checkout bag: Any bag that is provided by a retail establishment at the point of sale to a customer for use to transport or carry away purchases from the retail establishment. This definition does not include:

- Bags used by customers inside the retail establishment to:
  - Package bulk items, such as fruit, vegetables, nuts, grains, candy or small hardware items;
  - Contain or wrap frozen foods, meat, fish, whether packaged or not;
  - Contain or wrap flowers, potted plants, or other items where dampness may be a problem;
  - Contain unwrapped prepared foods or bakery goods.
- Pharmacy prescription bags.
- Newspaper bags, door-hanger bags, laundry dry cleaning bags, or bags sold in packages containing multiple bags intended for use as garbage, pet waste, or yard waste bags.
- Product bags.
- Reusable bags.

Reusable bag: A bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple reuse and is made of:

- Cloth or other machine-washable fabric; or
- Durable plastic that is at least 2.25 millimeters thick.

Attachment B: Attendance at February 29, 2012 Stakeholder Meeting

Marjean Austin	citizen
Marcy Eastham	Corvallis Chamber of Commerce
Bruce Harmon	citizen
Debra Higbee-Sudyka	Mary's Peak Sierra Club
Julie Jackson	Allied Waste
Rebecca Landis	Farmers' Market
Kate Lindburg	Corvallis Independent Business Alliance
John Malosh	OSU Beaver Store
Louise Marquering	citizen
John McEvoy	citizen
Greg Peden	Gallatin Public Affairs (on phone)
Marge Stevens	citizen (Master Recycler)
Joan Wessell	Downtown Corvallis Association
Hugh Richard White	citizen

City Staff

Kris DeJong	Interim Administrative Division Manager
Linda Lovett	Sustainability Supervisor
Adam Steele	Franchise Utilities Specialist
Scott Dybvad	Sustainability Program Specialist

The following individuals were invited but were unable to attend:

John Gaylord	Audubon Society of Corvallis
Joe Gilliam	Northwest Grocery Association
Sarah Higginbotham	Environment Oregon
Richard Kosesan	Oregon Neighborhood Store Association
Charlie Plybon	Oregon Surfrider Foundation
Chris Vitello	EcNow Tech

Staff again sent letters of invitation to the following businesses, which are not represented by NWGA, CIBA, DCA, or the Chamber, but none attended the meeting or responded by phone.

AutoZone  
Bed, Bath & Beyond  
Creative Crafts & Frame Shop  
Dollar Tree - Circle Blvd  
Dollar Tree - Philomath Blvd  
Fashion Bug  
Jo-Ann Fabric and Craft  
Kmart  
Knecht's Auto Parts  
Maurices  
Michael's Arts & Crafts  
Office Max  
Petco  
Ross Dress for Less  
T. J. Maxx  
Trumps Hobbies  
Tuesday Morning



To: Administrative Services Committee

From: Marys Peak Group – Sierra Club

Date: March 13, 2012

RE: Corvallis Ordinance, "Encouraging Reusable Bags and Prohibiting the Use of Plastic Carryout Bags"

With public<sup>1</sup> and business<sup>2</sup> support, we submitted to the City Council the ordinance: "Encouraging Reusable Bags and Prohibiting the Use of Plastic Carryout Bags." The proposed ordinance was given to the Administrative Services Committee "for review and recommendation." It was noted that some amendments were needed. The ASC directed staff to come up with strategies to "Reducing the Use of Plastic Carryout Bags."

Your recent focus on efforts for *improving recycling and voluntary programs* do not **reduce** plastic bag use, they **expand** plastic bag use. Further, these efforts do not promote the use of reusable bags. A recycling and voluntary strategy developed by the committee would serve the plastic industry<sup>3</sup> and none of the stated goals. Further, a decision to improve recycling and voluntary programs would result in a failure of the committee to address the original request of the Council and the general public.

For full details into why voluntary efforts fail, cost cities money, waste time, and are an overall strategy of the plastic industry to derail policy, we have attached the following: "Voluntary Plastic Bag Reductions Don't Work."<sup>4</sup> This failed policy decision has been well documented and it is unwise for the ASC to go down this path. Over the past 10 years, voluntary reductions and recycling programs have encumbered many cities with considerable expenses. The impact of wasted time and money a voluntary decision can have on the City of Corvallis is something we urge you to consider.

For your review I have also submitted information to support our decision to also ban single-use compostable plastic bags<sup>5</sup>. One important reason is that they are a "single use" item. It is a wise and prudent practice, in a finite world where resources are limited, to cut back on convenience items that

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<sup>1</sup> We submitted 1,280 signatures of support for our ordinance on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

<sup>2</sup> We have 50 signatures of support from downtown Corvallis businesses. See attached "Corvallis Business Support Letters."

<sup>3</sup> Recycling programs expand the use of plastic bags, and supports the interest of Hilex Poly, one of the largest plastic bag manufacturers in the nation from South Carolina that has defeated plastic bag bans. Hilex Poly has poured money into "Bag the Ban" campaigns across the nation to stop plastic legislation (<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/nationnow/2011/11/hailey-idaho-plastic-bag-ban.html>). The Chemistry Council and Hilex Poly spent more than 2 Million dollars defeating California's state-wide bill (<http://www.sanluisobispo.com/2010/11/13/1368858/battle-over-bag-bill-draws-big.html>).

<sup>4</sup> See attachment "Voluntary Plastic Bag Reductions Don't Work" <http://www.surfrider.org/coastal-blog/entry/voluntary-plastic-bag-reductions-dont-work>

<sup>5</sup> See attached: "Things to Consider When Choosing Bio-Plastics," "The Problem With Bio-plastic"

come from food sources grown using fertilizers and pesticides on agricultural land. This is especially true if they can be replaced by a reusable cloth bag. The intent of the original ordinance was to “encourage reusable bags.” Banning single-use compostable, or bio-plastic bags, encourages the use of reusable bags. The decision to ban compostable bags was a difficult but important one. Please review the attached information to understand some of the reasons behind our decision.

We urge you to return to the original directive of the City Council. Most of the stakeholders are willing to work with the ordinance. The Northwest Grocery Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the Corvallis Independent Business Association, and the Farmer’s Market, started to collaboratively work on what a ban means to their businesses. In that process, some have suggested creative and innovative solutions. We have been derailed by your recent focus on “voluntary programs” and “recycling.” The City of Portland is successfully working with non-profits, businesses, and citizens to administer their single-use plastic bag policy. We can learn from them. A collaborative form of problem solving is the direction the ASC needs to be heading to save time and money. The ASC would be wise to direct the City to return to creatively working with the stakeholders, not derailing the ordinance through a focus on recycling or voluntary programs that diverge from your original task.

Respectfully,

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# Voluntary Plastic Bag Reductions Don't Work

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by Bill Hickman



As carryout plastic bag usage in the United States soars over 100 billion ([115 billion now by one estimate](#)), more cities and states are looking at ways to reduce litter and the impacts of plastic bags. Bag recycling programs have been set up across the country but as bag recycling rates hover around 5% it's easy to see that recycling is not the answer. Reusable bag policy such as bag bans and bag fees are the easiest way to control the source of the problem. Some cities are looking at voluntary measures to help solve the problem but as you can see from these examples, voluntary plastic bag reductions do not work. (Photo shows tons of contaminated bags that can't find a buyer in CA, credit SLO County IWMA)

An important thing to remember is that voluntary efforts cost money. **How much money does your city have to spend on ads, outreach, education, signs, workshops, etc. for minimal results?** Here is a summary of various voluntary plastic bag reductions on different levels that have not worked.

**Australia 2003-2005:** Australia adopted a voluntary approach to reduce plastic bags in October 2003 when a Code of Practice for the Management of Plastic Bags was agreed between the Australian Retailers Association and the Environment Protection and Heritage Council (EPHC). **Major retailers spent over \$50 million (Aus) on the program** and made some nice efforts but ultimately fell short of their target reductions and recycling rates. The Code required 90% and 25% participation rates for supermarkets and non-supermarkets respectively, and set out a 50% reduction target and a 50% recycling rate to be achieved by end 2005. [It was reported](#) that a reduction of 45% and a recycling rate of 14% were achieved, and 19% of non-supermarkets signed onto the Code. The program was abandoned and now more places in Australia are seeking reusable bag ordinances.

**Los Angeles County, CA 2008-2010:** In 2008 the LA County launched the Single Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program, otherwise known as '[Brag About Your Bag](#)'. The main benchmark of success for the program was a 30% disposal reduction of plastic bags by July 2010.

[In a report](#) to the LA County Board of Supervisors, the Dept. of Public Works concluded, "that the voluntary Single-Use Bag Reduction and Recycling Program was not successful in achieving its goals. Over a two-year period and despite State law requirements under AB 2449, stores in

the County unincorporated areas did not provide data that would enable Public works staff to determine if the voluntary Program benchmark of 30 percent disposal reduction of plastic bags by July 1, 2010, was met. In addition, not more than eight stores at any time had met the minimum participation levels. Although the public education and outreach aspects of the voluntary Program, including the 'Brag About Your Bag Campaign', raised awareness of the impacts of single-use bags and the benefits of reusable bags, it could not be determined if this awareness translated into a shift in consumer behavior that was significant enough to address the major objectives of the County."

In December 2010 the LA County Board of Supervisors acted by [passing a carryout bag ordinance that went into effect in December 2011](#).

**Chicago, IL 2008-present:** The City of [Chicago Plastic Carryout Bag and Film Plastic Recycling Ordinance](#) ("Plastic Bag Recycling Ordinance") took effect December 11, 2008 for retail and wholesale establishments larger than 5,000 square feet. On March 11, 2009 the ordinance took effect for all retail and wholesale establishments, regardless of size. This program requires stores to participate with reusable bag and recycling efforts but it sounds like many are opting out.

[According to the City of Chicago Dept. of Environment 2011 report](#), "The biggest difference from 2009 to 2010 is the increase in number of businesses reporting that they did not recycle any plastic bags, which went from 95 to 486. Based on phone calls and report entries, the primary reason for this was that although businesses placed a container in their store, customers did not return plastic bags."

Currently, a [new carryout bag ordinance has been introduced](#) by Alderman Moreno for consideration by the Chicago City council to address the shortcomings of the recycling program.

**Palo Alto, CA 2009:** [In reports to City Council](#), City Council Staff analyzed six options to achieve plastic bags reductions and reusable bag enhancement. Of those six options, 'Promote Reusables Only' and 'Try More Promotion First' were determined to be least effective to achieve their prime objectives. Palo Alto decided to pass on a voluntary program and move directly to a checkout bag ordinance.

**San Francisco, CA 2005-2006:** In November 2005, The City forged an agreement with grocers to reduce plastic bag usage by 10 million when estimates of current usage were between 50 and 150 million per year. The reduction included suggestions for achieving the goal such as, bagger retraining, selling reusable bags and internal employee training. It was deemed a failure as stores failed to report their numbers by the December 2006 deadline. The deadline was extended three times and one grocery chain submitted numbers, but they could not be released due to a confidentiality agreement. Without any verifiable numbers the program was a failure and appeared to simply be a stall tactic. (Info compiled from Jennie Reilly Romer's, [The Evolution of San Francisco's Plastic-Bag Ban](#))

**Santa Clara, CA 2009:** The Santa Clara 'Got Bags' program was one of the most thorough but was scrapped in favor of a bag ordinance because it did not work, they only saw a 2% increase in

reusable bags. To increase the utilization of reusable bags, Integrated Waste Management (IWM) staff has distributed reusable bags at unincorporated neighborhood clean-up events. Additionally, staff visited retail outlets in and around unincorporated Santa Clara County to distribute “GOT BAGS” window decals, posters and pins for store clerks. Staff also spoke to store managers and owners to get buy-in and answer questions, and they distributed reusable bags to stores that did not have them. The store managers/owners were very receptive to making a change to reusable bags, having them available for purchase by their patrons and encouraging their use in a number of different ways.

“In July 2009, staff conducted on-site surveys of eleven stores in and around unincorporated County areas. Staff observed customers leaving each store and recorded how many shoppers were using plastic bags, paper bags, and reusable bags. Based on 1,514 samples, approximately 8% of shoppers used reusable bags exclusively. An additional 2% used a mix of reusable bags and single-use carryout bags, and 90% of shoppers used single-use carryout bags exclusively. In January 2010, staff repeated the survey at the same stores the same day of the week during the same time of day to see if there was an increase in the use of reusable bags. Based on 1,244 samples, reusable bag use increased by 2% over the previous survey from 8% to 10%. Approximately 2% of shoppers continued to use a mix of reusable bags and single-use carryout bags, while 88% of shoppers used single-use bags exclusively.” ([Report](#) from Acting Director of Agriculture & Environmental Management to the Santa Clara County Intergrated Waste Management Board of Directors.)

**State of California 2007-present:** This one is a state mandate, but shows how programs on the statewide level also fall short of goals and expectations. Starting July 1, 2007, AB 2449 has established a six year pilot program requiring most large grocery stores and other retailers to create an in-store recycling program for the collection and recycling of plastic 'carry out' bags. The program will include: Labeling bags to return to the store for recycling, Placing recycling bins in visible and accessible locations for customers, and The provision of reusable bags for customers to potentially purchase and use in lieu of disposable ones.

Over four years into the program and it appears to be a failure in regards to making any substantial increase in plastic bag recycling. After analyzing reports, Californians Against Waste concluded that the [plastic bag recycling rate is under 5% statewide](#).

As you can see from these examples; resolutions, voluntary programs, and even state mandates for recycling fail to reduce the amount of bags that enter the litter and waste stream. Bag policy is the most effective way to reduce litter and the impacts of plastic bags. [Support your local reusable bag ordinance, bag ban, bag fee, bag bill, etc.!](#)

## The Problem With Bio-plastic

Bio-plastics, like biofuels, are on the rise as consumers demand alternatives to fossil fuel-based plastics and big business take their wants seriously. Everything from shopping bags to clamshell containers are being reengineered out of bio-based packaging in the hope of finding a truly disposable container; one that, instead of ending up floating in the ocean, will quickly decompose underground. That ideal, as you might expect, is not quite so simple

Bio-plastics or “green plastics” is a broad and bewildering variety of products made with or packaged in resins that manufacturers claim are safer for the environment and our health. Some involved conventional plastics with a green twist. Others are made from alternative “bio-based” polymers, like corn-based plastic.

Bio-plastics are a drop in the resin bucket, less than 1 percent of global plastics production. But they one day will replace plastics. A Dow executive said “Our whole industry agrees that plastics have to be more sustainable.”

However, petroleum-based plastics come with many costs. Here are a few:

1. Use finite fossil fuels.
2. Persist in the environment.
3. Suffused with harmful chemicals.
4. Accumulate in landfills.
5. Not adequately recycled.
6. Short-sighted thinking about long-term impacts
7. Unsustainable wasting of resources.

Plastics have a role to play in a world of dwindling natural resources, but we have to develop plastics (bio-plastics and regular plastics) that are safer for people and the planet, and deploy and use them responsibly.

In the early decades of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, agricultural interests competed fiercely with the nascent petrochemical industry to capture the market on polymers. Henry Ford boasted it would be possible to grow most of an automobile. He planted thousands of acres of soybeans and converted one of his plants to the production of a soy-based plastic. The typical 1936 Ford had ten to fifteen pounds of bio plastic in its steering wheel, gearshift knob, window frame and other parts. In 1940, Ford invited reporters to see a “farm-grown” car. However, cheap fossil fuels out-competed it.

Various resin companies have discovered ways to make polypropylene and PET from sugar, nylon from beets, and polyurethane from soy. They may have a lower carbon foot print, but there is no guarantee they are manufactured with less harmful chemicals or contain any fewer worrisome additives. “Just because it’s bio-based doesn’t make it green.” Both biopolymers and petro-based plastics have environmental down sides.

NatureWorks is a company that offers a corn-based polymer called polylactic acid, or PLA. SunChips used this, but the crackling sounds the bags made were too loud, so they switched back. The building block of PLA is lactic acid, a natural compound that Nature Works derives from sugar in cornstarch. NatureWorks is partly owned by Cargill, the world's largest purveyor of corn.

Some companies deploy microorganisms to produce new types of biopolymers. DuPont is employing E - coli bacteria to produce a bio-based synthetic textile marketed under Sorona and Mirel. A plastic that one day can be grown in plants.

There are other issues that affect the bio-plastics market, but one in particular has slowed its introduction. It costs more than petro-plastics. PLA is two to three times the price. However, bio-plastic is here to stay, but a full review of the product safety record, for people and the planet, should be taken into consideration before we can deploy and use them responsibly.

## Things to Consider When Choosing Bio-plastic

The so-called solution to our eco-woes is quickly proving nearly as troublesome as the issue itself. No matter how well-engineered bio-plastic bags may be to break down in the environment we are quickly learning what the cost is of putting it there in the first place. Therefore, before deciding to choose bio-plastics, consider the following issues.

1. Need to separate between recyclable and compostable.
2. Bio-plastic, like petro-chemical plastic, can be manufactured with harmful chemicals, and can contain worrisome additives.
3. Answer the following questions before choosing a type of bio-plastic:
  - a. What crops were used and how were they raised?
  - b. What types of catalysts were employed to create the polymer?
  - c. What additives does it contain?
  - d. What chemicals are released in recycling?
  - e. Is it deployed in single-use products?
  - f. How much recycled content does it contain?
  - g. What is the energy expended in making it versus its chemical impact?
4. Is it genetically engineered?
5. Does it use micro-plastics?
6. Does it cost 2 to 3 times more?
7. Does it use a food crop that competes with food for people?
8. Are large amounts of land and water and oil-based fertilizers needed to raise it?
9. Is it biodegradable?
  - a. Some are made with conventional plastics blended with an additive that causes them to break up into plastic bits.
10. Will it break down in a marine environment?
11. Is it compostable?
  - a. PLA will biodegrade, but only under optimal composting conditions: temps of 120 and 140 degrees.
12. Does it have a supportive infrastructure?
  - a. Is there a standard system of differentiating plastic from bio-plastic?
  - b. Does it get caught and gum up recycling centers?
  - c. Can municipal waste centers compost it?
13. Does it biodegrade in a land fill (both bio-plastic and standard plastic)?
  - a. Nothing biodegrades in a landfill
14. Life-cycle thinking
  - a. Does it promote an Inflational culture – a cultural system that acquires things but considers them of such low value they encourage their displacement disposal.
  - b. Does it promote producer-responsibility, cradle-to-cradle responsibility?

# Corvallis Business Support Letters

## Plastic Bag Ban

**Fifty Corvallis local businesses have endorsed the Corvallis ordinance to: “Encourage Reusable Bags and Prohibit the Use of Single-Use Plastic Carryout Bags.”** *(The Northwest Grocers Association (NWGA), a statewide industry association representing major grocery store chains, has endorsed a plastic bag ban in the City of Corvallis. NWGA Grocery stores are not listed below. Other grocery stores, including Market of Choice and Trader Joe’s, and the First Alternative Co-Op do not currently provide plastic checkout bags.)*

**The following 50 businesses have signed a letter of endorsement:**

1. Abundant Solar
2. Anderson Jewelers
3. Aqua
4. Art in the Valley
5. Avalon Wine
6. Baguette, Vietnamese Sandwich
7. Big River Restaurant, President
8. Bike N’ Hike
9. Blue Monkey GF Bakery
10. Brew Barbecue
11. Broken Yolk
12. Cat’s Meow
13. Center Space Software
14. Clothes Tree
15. Coleman Jewelers
16. Corvallis Brewing Supply
17. Corvallis Environmental Center
18. Cosmic Chameleon
19. Darkside Cinema
20. El Sol de Mexico
21. Evergreen Restaurant
22. Fingerboard Extension
23. Flat Tail Brewery
24. Footwise
25. Gibbs Furniture
26. Golden Crane
27. Gracewinds Music
28. Great Harvest Bread Co.
29. Harry & Annette’s
30. Laughing Planet
31. Mona Lisa’s Framing
32. Mr. D’s Market
33. Olufson Designs
34. Oregon Coffee and Tea
35. Peak Sports
36. Pegasus Frame Studio & Gallery
37. Pottery Places
38. Replay Children’s Wear
39. River Jewelry
40. Robinettes
41. Sada Sushi & IZAKAYA
42. Sadami Sakamoto
43. Shadow Smith
44. Sibling Revelry
45. Spice & Ice One Inc.
46. Squirrel’s
47. Stokers Vita World
48. Troubadour Music Center, manager
49. Troubadour Music Center, owner
50. Wineopolis

# Recycling Cannot Solve Oregon's Plastic Bag Problem

## Less than 5 percent of plastic grocery checkout bags are recycled.<sup>1</sup>

- According to the EPA, only 4.3 percent of all plastic grocery checkout bags in the US were recycled in 2010<sup>2</sup>, down almost 2 percent from 6.1 percent the previous year<sup>3</sup>.
- Plastic production has outpaced recycling for the past 50 years.<sup>4</sup>

## Plastic bags interfere with the operation of Oregon's recycling facilities.

- When plastic bags pollute mixed recyclables, they get tangled in recyclers' machinery, causing plants to shut down.
- The Association of Oregon Recyclers found that even though Plastic Bag Film represents only 0.1% of incoming volumes, 20-30% of labor costs for MRF's in the Portland Metro Area are spent dealing with plastic film.<sup>5</sup>

## Voluntary recycling programs have proven insufficient to solve plastic bag pollution.

- California attempted to reduce litter by requiring grocery companies to place recycling bins in front of their stores. However, the state has seen no noticeable change in litter or waste from plastic bags.<sup>6</sup>
- California's program has only managed to increase plastic bag recycling by 2 percent in 3 years.<sup>7</sup>
- Voluntary approaches like this are often supported by the plastic industry and tend to preempt local governments and prevent them from taking action to reduce litter and waste.<sup>8</sup>

## Plastic bags that do end up collected for recycling are mostly exported to China, where they cause environmental and health problems.

- China accepts more than half of all reclaimed plastic bags for recycling and that number is rising.<sup>9</sup>
- Plastic bag recycling plants in China expose workers to toxic fumes, create a haze that hangs over villages, and pollute groundwater sources.<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> US EPA, Office of Resource Conservation and Recover. Municipal Solid Waste in the United States; Tables and Figures for 2010. November 2011.

<sup>2</sup> See note 1

<sup>3</sup> US EPA, Office of Solid Waste. Municipal Solid Waste in the United States; 2009 facts and figures. December 2010.

<sup>4</sup> See note 1

<sup>5</sup> The Association of Oregon Recyclers found that even though Plastic Bag Film represents only 0.1% of incoming volumes, 20-30% of labor costs for MRF's in the Portland Metro Area are spent dealing with plastic film.

<sup>6</sup> CalRecycles, 2009. Available at: <http://calrecycle.ca.gov/plastics/AtStore/AnnualRate/2009Rate.htm>

<sup>7</sup> See note 5

<sup>8</sup> Mark Daniels, Vice President of Sustainability & Environmental Policy at Hilex Poly. "Seattle's plastic bag ban ignores reality." Crosscut, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Available at: <http://crosscut.com/2012/01/05/environment/21760/Seattle-s-plastic-bag-ban-ignores-reality/>

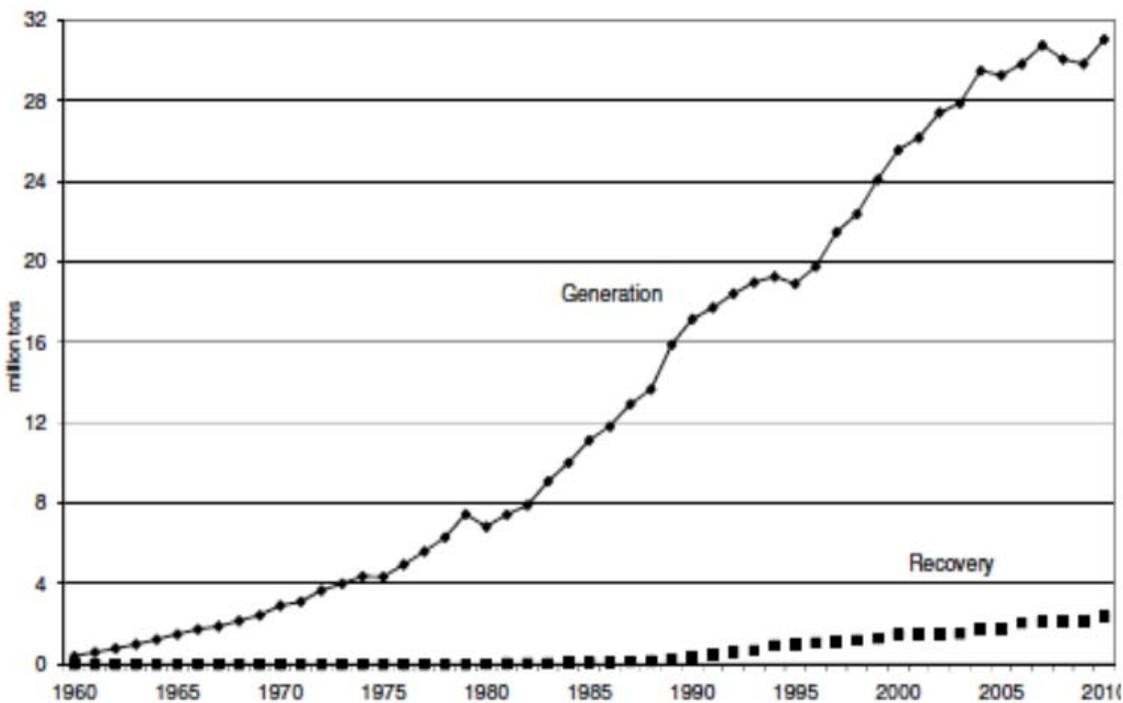
<sup>9</sup> Moore Recycling Associates, Inc. 2009 National Postconsumer Recycled Plastic Bag & Film Report. February, 2001.

<sup>10</sup> Want China Times. Meltdown: China's plastic recycling carries toxic toll. 7/6/11. Available at <http://www.wantchinatimes.com/news-subclass-cnt.aspx?id=20110706000011&cid=1505&MainCatID=15>

## Few Plastic Bags Are Recycled

Plastic bag recycling has never been successful in the US. In 2009, the EPA stated that the recycling rate for High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic bags, sacks and wraps, which includes plastic grocery checkout bags, was 6.1 percent.<sup>11</sup> More recent data from the EPA shows that this number has dropped. In 2010, only 4.3 percent of all HDPE plastic bags, sacks and wraps were recycled. This is not only a decrease in the proportion of plastic grocery checkout bags recycled, but also a decrease in actual bags recycled.<sup>12</sup> In 2010, 10,000 more tons of plastic bags ended up in landfills than in 2009.<sup>13</sup>

The generation of all plastic products has expanded exponentially over the last 50 years, but plastic recycling has made only modest advancements (figure 1). In the case of plastic bags, over 95 percent of all plastic bags produced end up in landfills and as litter.<sup>14</sup> These bags, loose along streets and waterways, pose a serious threat to wildlife.



**Figure 1. Plastic generation and recovery, 1960 to 2010 (U.S. EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery, November 2011)**

<sup>11</sup> Seen note 3

<sup>12</sup> See note 1

<sup>13</sup> Based on a comparison between US EPA data from 2009 and 2010. See notes 1 and 3

<sup>14</sup> See note 3

## CASE STUDY

### Take-Back Bins in California Have Proven Ineffective

Many large grocery stores offer to collect used plastic bags in storefront bins for recycling. The plastics industry argues that these efforts increase the recycling rate of plastic bags.<sup>15</sup> However, take-back bins have proven only minimally effective.

Take the example of California. In 2006, the state of California adopted AB 2449, requiring retailers to deploy storefront take-back bins for plastic bag recycling.<sup>16</sup> There is some disagreement about the effectiveness of the program, especially since the industry refused to give data to government officials. Citing “trade secrets,” the plastic industry never fully disclosed the recycling rates at these bins for plastic bags.<sup>17</sup>

However, officials were able to estimate how AB 2449 affected the recycling rate for plastic bags in California. They determined that the law was a failure. Even the most liberal estimate of the program predicted that after three years of implementation, take-back bins only increased the recycling rate for plastic bags by 2 percent. Officials stated that there was no noticeable change in plastic bag waste or litter as a result of the program.<sup>18</sup>

There is little to no evidence that these types of take-back programs can solve the problem of plastic bag litter and the harm it causes the environment and wildlife. Worse, programs such as AB 2449 can come with clauses that preempt local governments from eliminating plastic bags. A last-minute concession to the plastics industry was placed in AB 2449, preventing local governments from putting a fee on plastic bags. Industry-backed bills that focus on voluntary approaches often include language that preempts local government authority.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>15</sup> See note 7

<sup>16</sup> See note 5

<sup>17</sup> K. Huus. “Battle of the Bags.” Newsweek. March 2008.

<sup>18</sup> See note 5

<sup>19</sup> Sarah Sikich and Kirsten James. Heal the Bay. Urban Coast 2:1, Research and Policy. November 2010.

## CASE STUDY

### Bag Recycling in China Harms the Environment

Plastic bags specifically collected for recycling are often shipped to China, causing more pollution and waste.

According to the plastics industry, the majority of reclaimed plastic film, which includes plastic bags, is exported for recycling. Starting in 2007, the percentage of bags exported to foreign recyclers exceeded bags kept in the United States for recycling. By 2009, the last year data was available, 57.5 percent of all reclaimed film went abroad, mostly to China.<sup>20</sup>

In China, plastic bag recycling plants have several environmental and human health impacts. Plastics, which are made from petroleum, first must be melted down to be recycled. During this process, the plastics release toxic petroleum fumes. Toxic additives, including flame retardants, are also released. Few workers wear masks or protective equipment, and they inhale these toxic fumes while working indoors.<sup>21</sup> In many Chinese villages, plastics are melted 7 to 8 times per day, which has created a hazy fog that looms over the villages.<sup>22</sup>

In other villages, workers clean plastic waste by submersing it in water and sulfuric acid. Once they are done washing the plastics, the acidic wash is dumped into local ditches, contaminating rivers and groundwater. As a result, many Chinese villages with plastic recycling plants can no longer use any local water supplies and instead buy bottled water.<sup>23</sup>

Not even all the bags sent to China are recycled. Workers who find any sort of contaminant including “unidentified white dust,” have discarded the bags into fields.<sup>24</sup> As a result, plastic bags end up cluttering the Chinese countryside, especially in rural provinces.<sup>25</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> See note 8

<sup>21</sup> Emily Gurnon. North Coast Journal Weekly. The Problem with Plastics; Recycling it overseas poses risks to workers. Doing it here doesn't pay. June 5, 2003. Available at: <http://www.mindfully.org/Plastic/Recycling/Problem-With-Plastics5jun03.htm>

<sup>22</sup> See note 9

<sup>23</sup> See note 12

<sup>24</sup> See note 11

<sup>25</sup> See note 12

# Plastic bags – the recycling challenge

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Plastic bags are problematic for the environment—they choke wildlife, they don't break down in landfills (or in oceans), they add to our demand for oil, and they aren't easy to recycle, which is the biggest reason why 90 percent of plastic bags in the United States are not recycled. Yet an estimated 500 billion to 1 trillion plastic bags are used worldwide every year—380 billion of those in the U.S.—and governments have been slow-moving at best to do anything about them.

The following are reasons single-use checkout plastic bags are so hard to recycle:

## *They do not meet the requirements of recycling.*

1. **Weightless.** It's difficult to gather enough of a critical mass to make recycling economically worthwhile.
2. **Flight-prone.** Collecting them curbside is problematic because they are flight-prone.
3. **Few are recycled.** The store-based collection programs pushed by the ACC have scarcely raised bag recycling above single-digit rates.

## *They pose problems for recyclers:*

1. The value of plastic bags in scrap markets isn't high enough to make it worth the time of the seventeen-dollar-an-hour sorters. There are no robust end markets, but the end markets can't develop without being assured of a steady supply.
2. Plastics are a challenge for Municipal Recycling Facilities.
  - a. **Plastic bags get caught**, causing MRFs to stop machines, clean them off, which costs them money.
  - b. **Most plastics can't be recycled together**, but many look so similar that they are difficult to sort. PET is confused with PVC (both clear, both used in same type of packaging).
  - c. **Corrupt recycling stream.** Some products made of the same base polymer should not be recycled together; a PET bottle that's been blown into shape has a different melting temperature than a PET cookie tray that's been molded through extrusion.
  - d. **They need to be hand sorted**, which creates jobs, but drives up costs. Optical scanners are expensive so few MRFs have them.
    - i. When you've got seven hundred tons of stuff a day, it's not possible to do a rigorous sort.
3. On the West Coast, China is the destination for most plastics.
  - a. China currently takes about 70 percent of the world's used plastics.
  - b. Chinese recyclers are able to outbid their Western counterparts because they enjoy the same advantage as Chinese manufacturers of plastic products: cheap labor costs.
  - c. Hence, the US has few manufacturers or recyclers of plastic.

*They are a valuable resource; too valuable to waste.*

1. Diversion of valuable nonrenewable resources into an ephemeral product of marginal value.
2. Plastic should be a high value material.
3. Products should not be engineered for single-use, but that last a long time, and at the end of life, you recycle it.
4. To take oil or natural gas that took millions of years to produce and then to make a disposable product that lasts minutes or seconds, and then just discard it – that’s not a good use of a resource. They are made from high-density polyethylene (HDPE) the plastic used in milk and juice containers.

### **Why Ban Single-Use plastic bags?**

1. Plastic is causing alarming environmental problems (collecting in oceans; littering beaches as micro-debris, plastic bags, and bottles; and killing aquatic animals).
  - a. Numerous deaths among animals such as sea turtles and dolphins have been attributed to the ingestion of plastic marine litter, which includes plastic bags. If washed out to sea, plastic bags can be carried long distances by ocean currents, and can strangle marine animals or, if ingested, cause them to starve to death
2. To address this problem, single-use throwaway items is a good place to start. Not all single-use products are so easily replaced as plastic bags. The plastic bag can be readily swapped for a sustainable alternative.
3. It’s an item of convenience.
4. There is a cost associated with the bag, monetary and environmental. We have lived without single-use bags all the years prior to 1977. Our single-use, throw-away lifestyle, causes us to have a mind-set that they are “free” and we are entitled to them.
5. Plastic bags are either restricted or completely banned in over a quarter of the world's countries. Countries that have banned them are: Germany, South Africa, Italy, Australia, India, Bangladesh, France, Mumbai, Somalia, Botswana, Philippines, Uganda, Kenya, Japan, Turkey, Zanzibar, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Belgium, South Korea, Singapore, Sweden, Bhutan, Malta, and China.

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** kamokoi@xxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Wed, 21 Mar 2012 09:49:23 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark Albins" <kamokoi@xxxxxxxx>

To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 6:38:38 PM

Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is

estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Mark Albino

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- **References:**
    - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
      - *From: Mark Albino*
  - Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
  - Next by Date: **Re: ORS prohibiting parking in bike lanes**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: mblanchardrealty@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 21 Mar 2012 09:48:38 -0700 (PDT)

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----- Original Message -----

From: mblanchardrealty@xxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: mblanchardrealty@xxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 20, 2012 10:12:50 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

marlene blanchard

- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: mblanchardrealty
- Prev by Date: **Denison, Texas Branding Study**
- Next by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Yes to Bag Ban & Integrity

- To: "Ralph Penunuri" <ralarts06@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Yes to Bag Ban & Integrity
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:53:23 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

Hon. Corvallis Mayor & Council,

I reiterate my strong support for our all our citizenry and our environment ? through the Corvallis City Council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic bags in the Corvallis area, through a retail plastic bag ban.

Our city's distinction as a recognized progressive leader in sustainability and live-ability through reasoned and objective planning and application will be severely compromised if we can be so publicly bullied by aggressive out-of-state corporate interests, such as Helix Poly, who share neither our vision nor our integrity. Whatever obfuscation and adversity these profit and waste based interests throw at us, we can know that current operating bag bans have worked well and are sustainable ? if we have the will, fortitude and integrity of purpose and vision.

Corvallis' sustainability goals and our distinctive reputation are sorely on the line with this issue. Yes, please do the right thing and represent our local interest above corporate profits and waste. This is a small, yet very significant step towards sustainability for Corvallis, our region and the planet.

Do not let your love of wisdom and reason be eroded through opposing tactics of greed, fear and complicated ignorance. It is past-time to ban the bag now!

Sincerely,

Ral

Ralph Penunuri

"As people who want to live a good, full, unrestricted, adventurous, real kind of life, there is a concrete instruction we can follow: see what is. When you catch yourself grasping at beliefs or thoughts, just see what is." ? Pema Chodron

Ralph Penunuri  
ralarts06@xxxxxxxx

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- **To:** "Suzanne and Lee Lazaro" <suzannelazaro@xxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- **From:** "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:17:42 -0700 (PDT)
- **Cc:** ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

Mar 1, 2012

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501 SW Madison Avenue  
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Sincerely,

Ms. Suzanne and Lee Lazaro

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
  - **Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**
    - **From:** Suzanne and Lee Lazaro



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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Joe Tyburczy" <coloradojoe@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:16:41 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Sincerely,

Dr. Joe Tyburczy

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- References:
  - **Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**
    - From: Joe Tyburczy

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Gayle Peterson" <tapfan@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:15:53 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.  
Mar 1, 2012

Mr. Mike Beilstein  
501 SW Madison Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

Dear Mr. Beilstein,

Let's get rid of those single-use plastic bags as soon as possible. Please support the Corvallis ordinance that bans single use plastic checkout bags.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Gayle Peterson

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
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    - From: Gayle Peterson
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**Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**

- To: "Genevieve Weber" <genevieve@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:15:05 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Dr. Genevieve Weber

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541 754 1858

- References:
  - **Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**
    - From: Genevieve Weber
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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "S Skybird" <skybird@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:11:45 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Ms. S Skybird

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
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- References:
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    - From: S Skybird



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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Larry Bulling" <larry.bulling@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:03:25 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Mr. Larry Bulling

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- References:
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    - From: Larry Bulling

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Linda Grose" <linderkay2@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:02:50 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Ms. Linda Grose

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
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    - From: Linda Grose

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**Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**

- To: "Willa Kenoyer" <kenoyerwilla@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:02:12 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- References:
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    - From: Willa Kenoyer

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Russell Zellmer" <katja.zellmer@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:00:53 -0700 (PDT)
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Mr. Russell Zellmer

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- References:
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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Gary Camp" <garyrcamp@xxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 12:00:19 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- References:
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    - From: Gary Camp
- Prev by Date: **Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**

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### Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Rob Cornell" <rob.cornell@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 11:58:55 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
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- References:
  - Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
    - From: Rob Cornell

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- To: "Penny Signalness" <pensignal@xxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 11:57:40 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "John Long" <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 11:53:17 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* milligan kristen <milligan.kristen@xxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 15:22:20 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kristen Milligan" <milligan.kristen@xxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 2:40:39 PM  
Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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  - *From:* Kristen Milligan
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- To: fedderke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:14:15 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: "Rochelle Murphy" <shellym@xxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:12:56 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
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- To: "Leo Quirk" <leoquirk@xxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:12:29 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: "Angela Yeager" <angyeag@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:11:49 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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    - From: Angela Yeager

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- To: "Rosemarie Carballo" <kupfersel@xxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:11:18 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: "Shelley Ries" <spur848@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:10:41 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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    - From: Shelley Ries

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- To: "Irene Schoppy" <iameyers@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:10:06 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: "Bruce Alder" <bruce.alder@xxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:09:24 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: "Jessica Nelson" <jesslynelson@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:07:38 -0700 (PDT)
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- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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- To: "Carol Bailey" <silversitka@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:06:39 -0700 (PDT)
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Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Passing a ban here will have a positive impact. Of the bag bans in effect in the US, none have demonstrably hurt consumers or local business, but they have saved consumers, cities, and businesses the expenses incurred from dealing with these products.

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Sincerely,

Ms. Carol Bailey

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- References:
  - Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
    - From: Carol Bailey

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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Bruce Encke" <bruce.encke@xxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:05:55 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

Mar 1, 2012

Mr. Mike Beilstein  
501 SW Madison Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

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Mike Beilstein  
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- References:
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    - From: Bruce Encke



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## Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "William Reeves" <barry.reeves@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:05:24 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Dr. William Reeves

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- References:
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    - From: William Reeves

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### Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

- To: "Lioba Multer" <Imu93927@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:04:54 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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*(Signature)*

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
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- References:
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    - From: Lioba Multer

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: linda.sebring@xxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:04:22 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

My views are very well covered in this letter.

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Linda Sebring

Mike Bellstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

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  - *From:* Linda Sebring

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** jean\_marr@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:03:46 -0700 (PDT)
- **Cc:** ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City. I won't go into details about why because you already know all the reasons.

When I testified before the council on this issue, I said I understood the need to work out a few details in committee, but asked you not to take forever to get this done. It's beginning to feel like forever.

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Jean Marr

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: elizabeth.perry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:02:40 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Elizabeth Perry



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: cassiopia11@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Bellstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:01:33 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Cassandra Robertson



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: carlylettero@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 15:00:27 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Carly Lettero

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## Re: Ban the Bag!

- To: peacehelm@xxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:59:33 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

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Nor does recycling represent a solution. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. In fact, the bags themselves present a major problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines, thus accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs.

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All this for a very minor convenience?! Use of grocery bags is mostly just a matter of habit. If you forgot to bring a re-usable bag, just put your groceries back in the cart and then load them loose into the car. I've declined plastic bags for years. It's not a problem.

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John Helm

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- References:
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* abrahammooney@xxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:58:27 -0700 (PDT)
- *Cc:* ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Abraham Mooney

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: ralarts06@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:55:35 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

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Bringing in out-of-state private interest and lobby groups will undermine the integrity of our public and government process. Please retain and truly support the original intention and application of this plastic bag ban for ourselves, our environment and our progeny.

Yes, do the right thing and represent our local interest above corporate profits and waste. This is a small, yet very significant step towards sustainability for Corvallis and our region. Ban the bag now!

Ralph Penunuri

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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### Re: Please ban the bag in Corvallis

- To: langford@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Please ban the bag in Corvallis
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:53:34 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Charles Langford

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- To: CPCHINOOK@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:52:48 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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CHARLES PHOENIX

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## Re: No plastic Bags in Corvallis

- *To:* treeve@xxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: No plastic Bags in Corvallis
- *From:* "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Date:* Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:52:04 -0700 (PDT)
- *Cc:* ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

I am a lifelong Corvallis resident, and I am writing to very strongly support banning plastic bags in Corvallis. It makes no sense to provide throw-away plastic bags with every store purchase. These bags end up in the landfill, in our creeks and parks, and they serve little value as many other options exist for carrying groceries or other items purchased at a store. IN addition, the bags are of such poor quality that they largely cannot be used for multiple purposes. It's absurd that we continue this.

I feel very strongly that Corvallis needs to set a precedent here and protect the resources that we have. We can't afford to perpetuate a throw-away culture by facilitating this ridiculous custom of single use, free-of-charge plastic bags with every single purchase.

This issue is very important to me and my family, and I expect to track progress on this and pursue whatever needs to be done to get this passed.

Thank you very much for your work for Corvallis and for supporting this action.

Todd Reeve

Todd Reeve

Mike Beilstein  
 Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
 541 754 1858

- **References:**
  - **No plastic Bags in Corvallis**
    - *From:* Todd Reeve
- **Prev by Date: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** snellmd@xxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:51:07 -0700 (PDT)
- **Cc:** ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

I fully support the single-use plastic bag ban policy under consideration by the Corvallis City Council. As a Corvallis resident I am concerned about corporate interests in blocking this policy.

It is estimated that less than 5% of plastic grocery bags are currently being recycled. The remainder threaten our wildlife, pollute the landscape and go into the Coffin Butte landfill. Science has shown that it takes more than a hundred years for the plastic to disintegrate, if ever.

Personally I have switched to cloth bags which is a very easy solution. There is no reason we need to pollute our environment and threaten wildlife with plastic bags. Please vote as our environmentally conscious community would. Support the ban on single-use plastic bags. Please think about the right thing to do for future generations.

Mary Dean Snelling

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
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    - *From:* Mary Dean Snelling
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: pyhsimmons@xxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:50:08 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** Gaylordjohng@xxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Date:** Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:48:57 -0700 (PDT)
- **Cc:** ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thanks.

We all support ending the plastic bag problem affecting the world. The streams, rivers and oceans are awash with plastic and it is all of our responsibility to end this polution. Please dont be taken in by the big lobby firms and their slick talk. Let Corvallis be a leader in this just cause.

We count on you and the council to boldly go forward and do what is right for the planet. Good luck in your work !!! We appreciate your efforts  
Joanne Gaylord, 6055 NW rosewoode Dr. Corvallis OR 97330

Joanne Gaylord

Mike Beilstein  
Corvallis City Council, Ward 5  
541 754 1858

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - **From:** Joanne Gaylord
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: woodpecker97330@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:47:58 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: lindathenurse@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:47:10 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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- To: jan@xxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Beilstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:46:27 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: casey.benk Witt@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: "Mike Bellstein" <Ward5@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Sun, 18 Mar 2012 14:45:13 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: ward5-web-archive@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

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Casey Benkwitt

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**Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!**

- To: John Long <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!
- From: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Thu, 15 Mar 2012 09:59:46 -0700 (PDT)

Mr. Long,

Thank you for providing your input.

Mark O'Brien  
Councilor, Ward 1

----- Original Message -----

From: "John Long" <johnlcorvallis@xxxxxxxx>  
To: ward1@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 9:17:35 PM  
Subject: Please Support Banning the Bag in Corvallis!

Mar 14, 2012

Mr. Mark O'Brien  
501 SW Madison Avenue  
Corvallis, OR 97333-4601

Dear Mr. O'Brien,

I write to express my strong support of the Corvallis ordinance that bans single use plastic checkout bags.

Already, more than 50 downtown Corvallis businesses, and thousands of Corvallis citizens support this effort. All we need is City action. Banning plastic bags best addresses the problems of single-use plastic bag waste, and most effectively moves consumers to sustainable alternatives.

Our dependence on single-use plastic products has devastating effects on the environment. From the Great Pacific Garbage Patch to the thousands of marine animals who die each year, plastic bags are contributing to environmental damage to our ocean systems. There is no reason something we use for a few minutes should last a few hundred years.

Corvallis is known for its environmental standards nationwide, and has received numerous awards. Passing a ban here will have a positive impact. Of the bag bans in effect in the US, none have demonstrably hurt consumers or local business, but they have saved consumers, cities, and businesses the expenses incurred from dealing with these products.

Corvallis has the chance to set an example for other communities, and lay the groundwork for a statewide solution in 2013. Please ban single use plastic checkout bags here in Corvallis.

Sincerely,

Mr. John Long

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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: friesianfanatic@xxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:49:28 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: friesianfanatic@xxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: friesianfanatic@xxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 8:00:50 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Sharon Leitzke

- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: friesianfanatic
- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Next by Date: **the gas?**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** philpottms@xxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:48:55 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

**From:** philpottms@xxxxxxx  
**To:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
**Cc:** philpottms@xxxxxxx  
**Sent:** Saturday, March 17, 2012 3:42:39 PM  
**Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently became aware that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on bags. I encourage the Council to also consider working with Allied Waste to make recycling of plastic bags easier for citizens, which I believe would result in recycling a much larger percentage of plastic bags and reduce the number that end up in the Coffin Butte landfill.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program and making recycling of bags easier, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Matthew Philpott

- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - *From:* philpottms
- **Prev by Date:** **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: ken608@xxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:48:24 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: ken608@xxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: ken608@xxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 12:21:51 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

It is my understanding that Corvallis is considering methods to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options would not threaten Oregon jobs or place additional tax burdens on Corvallis families, and might actually have a chance of helping decrease littering and encourage recycling. That same option might also encourage Corvallis to recycle all metal, paper and plastics, not just bags. That's why I would support a public education program and why I strongly oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Please stop trying to regulate our lives! Oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling.

Sincerely,

Kenneth McCracken

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- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: ken608
- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Previous by thread: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: estela thomann01 <estela.thomann01@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:47:50 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "estela thomann01" <estela.thomann01@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "estela thomann01" <estela.thomann01@xxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 10:35:52 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Estela Thomann

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- References:
  - Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
    - From: estela.thomann01

- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: joyce elle <joyce\_elle@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:47:16 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "joyce elle" <joyce\_elle@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "joyce elle" <joyce\_elle@xxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 12:30:40 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

joyce Elle

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- **References:**
    - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
      - From: joyce\_elle
  - Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
  - Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: Tysonlassen@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:45:19 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: Tysonlassen@xxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: Tysonlassen@xxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 5:08:17 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Tyson Lassen  
Corvallis, OR 97333

- References:
  - Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
    - From: Tysonlassen
- Prev by Date: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- Next by Date: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: brad attig <brad.attig@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:46:42 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "brad attig" <brad.attig@xxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Cc: "brad attig" <brad.attig@xxxxxxxx>  
Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 9:04:40 PM  
Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I got the below bunch of propoganda with the encouragement that I write you with their canned story. I believe more in Santa Claus than what the "people of Hilex Poly" have to say. Plastic is made from oil, need I say more?

Anyone that thinks not making plastic bags hurts our economy is only thinking about the plastic bag makers. We have men and women dying in foreign countries to preserve our supply of oil, so we can make more plastic bags.

So here is what they wanted me to tell you. If you believe it, I have a bridge to sell the city next week.

"I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling."

I guess they feel you have failed in educating the public, free bus service with healthy fuel isn't enough. Maybe we don't have enough bike lanes for them. Maybe the "people of Hilex Poly" should visit. Maybe they can suggest solar panels on homes or chickens in the back yard?

I think they might even suggest we walk more. We'll know by how you vote who the contributed too, BTW.

Sincerely,

Brad Attig

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- **References:**
    - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
      - *From:* brad.attig
  - Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
  - Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: MutantPop@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:21:28 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have asked to be shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference. You may also wish to visit to city's website and complete the brief on-line survey concerning this topic that is currently being conducted.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: MutantPop@xxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: MutantPop@xxxxxxx  
 Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 8:07:46 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I am a Corvallis business owner. The recent campaign to ban plastic bags in town places a burden both upon retailers like us and those consumers who do NEED plastic bags during rainy weather.

No plastic bags will discourage shopping in inclement weather, plain and simple.

Actual use of plastic bags at our store has fallen by somewhere between 50% and 75% over the past 5 years. Did anybody bother to study actual usage trends? Or are we being moved by a handful of bored Saturday market goofballs that like dressing up like a bag monster.

The actual waste produced through plastic bags is negligible in terms of mass, and that could be further reduced through recycling.

Sincerely,

Tim Davenport c/o The Shoe Hutch  
251 SW Madison  
Corvallis, OR 97333

- References:
  - Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
    - From: MutantPop
- Prev by Date: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- Next by Date: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- Previous by thread: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: ramona fricke <ramona.fricke@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:44:22 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "ramona fricke" <ramona.fricke@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "ramona fricke" <ramona.fricke@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 6:56:25 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

ramona fricke

- References:
  - Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
    - From: ramona.fricke

- Prev by Date: Re: <web>Cordial request
- Next by Date: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
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estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Javier Fernandez

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Javier Fernandez*
- **Prev by Date: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- **Next by Date: Re: <web>Cordial request**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* xavi 69 <xavi\_69@xxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:21:59 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Javier Fernandez" <xavi\_69@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Saturday, March 17, 2012 7:52:13 PM  
Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in being sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways. We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: jaredwithrow@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:19:29 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: jaredwithrow@xxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: jaredwithrow@xxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Sunday, March 18, 2012 9:36:40 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Jared Withrow

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: jaredwithrow
- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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### Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: klpete56@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 19 Mar 2012 08:18:47 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which as been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: klpete56@xxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: klpete56@xxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 19, 2012 12:58:05 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Lew Peters

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- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: klpete56
- Prev by Date: **Re: Consent Agenda March 5th**
- Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Previous by thread: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 11:28:56 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kevin Wilson" <kwilson8@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:01:04 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Kevin Wilson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

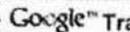
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** teresa97756@xxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Fri, 16 Mar 2012 11:28:15 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: teresa97756@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: teresa97756@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 16, 2012 10:37:17 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Teresa Richardson  
Lebanon, OR 97355

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- To: farm2391@xxxxxxxxxxxx
  - Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
  - From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - Date: Fri, 16 Mar 2012 08:42:23 -0700 (PDT)
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Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: farm2391@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: farm2391@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 12:20:06 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Aaron Jenks

Tangent, OR 97389

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- *To:* zano zano <zano\_zano@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
  - *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
  - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 08:41:46 -0700 (PDT)
- 

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "zano zano" <zano\_zano@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "zano zano" <zano\_zano@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Thursday, March 15, 2012 12:20:28 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Travis LaMont

corvallis , OR 97333

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- *To:* glacierstone@xxxxxxxxxx
  - *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
  - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - *Date:* Fri, 16 Mar 2012 08:37:37 -0700 (PDT)
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Thank you for your message, which has been shared by members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

*From:* glacierstone@xxxxxxxxxx  
*To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
*Cc:* glacierstone@xxxxxxxxxx  
*Sent:* Thursday, March 15, 2012 4:40:49 PM  
*Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Stephen Meyers  
Corvallis, OR 97333

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: wherethoughtscanbreathe@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 12:28:46 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: wherethoughtscanbreathe@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: wherethoughtscanbreathe@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, March 14, 2012 11:21:32 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Jessie Crawford

Philomath, OR 97370

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: Onewolfe44@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 08:34:05 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: Onewolfe44@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: Onewolfe44@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 8:38:46 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Glen Jones

Corvallis, OR 97331

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: bbucolo@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 14 Mar 2012 08:32:20 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: bbucolo@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: bbucolo@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 6:06:24 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Brian Bucolo

Corvallis, OR 97330

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* laineydye@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 14 Mar 2012 08:32:58 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: laineydye@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: laineydye@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 7:29:53 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Lainey Dyer

Corvallis, OR 97333

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** kunfuth@xxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Wed, 14 Mar 2012 08:33:34 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: kunfuth@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: kunfuth@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 9:18:43 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Kathie Jones-Hennessy

Corvallis , OR 97330

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* richardmeneghelli@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:19:27 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: richardmeneghelli@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: richardmeneghelli@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 7:00:21 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Sincerely,

Richard Meneghelli

corvallis, OR 97333



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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: christine dashiell <christine.dashiell@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 12:48:22 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "christine dashiell" <christine.dashiell@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "christine dashiell" <christine.dashiell@xxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 12:42:05 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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Sincerely,

Christine Dashiell

Corvallis, OR 97330



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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* jaredt1234@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 15:54:56 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: jaredt1234@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: jaredt1234@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 3:30:50 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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Sincerely,

jared thayer

corvallis, OR 97330



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: casey benkwitt <casey.benkwitt@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 13 Mar 2012 13:11:17 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Casey Benkwitt" <casey.benkwitt@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 13, 2012 1:08:33 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered

bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Casey Benkwitt

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Casey Benkwitt
- Prev by Date: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Major Drug Trafficking Organization Investigation**
- Previous by thread: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: regina l w 78 <regina.l.w.78@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 13:37:23 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "regina l w 78" <regina.l.w.78@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "regina l w 78" <regina.l.w.78@xxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 1:12:47 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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Sincerely,

regina walker

corvallis, OR 97333



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## Re: <web>plastic bag ban

- To: loebb@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: <web>plastic bag ban
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:03:41 -0700 (PDT)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that it be shared with the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: loebb@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 7:45:23 AM  
 Subject: <web>plastic bag ban

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Barbara Loeb  
 loebb@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 prefer phone contact: no

I support the ban of plastic grocery bags. I hope you do, too.

Barbara Loeb

- **References:**
  - <web>plastic bag ban
    - From: loebb
- Prev by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Next by Date: **Re: another wake-up**
- Previous by thread: <web>plastic bag ban
- Next by thread: **Undeliverable: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* volvo p1800 <volvo\_p1800@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:10:06 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "volvo p1800" <volvo\_p1800@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "volvo p1800" <volvo\_p1800@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Sunday, March 11, 2012 10:35:28 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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Only two of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only two of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and plastic bag ban and why I oppose taxes on my bags.

Bag taxes and don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times.

I hope you'll oppose taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: Ban plastic bags, and support recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Sean McMullen

Corvallis, OR 97330

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- **To:** paul@xxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:10:55 -0700 (PDT)

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Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: paul@xxxxxxxxxx  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Cc: paul@xxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Monday, March 12, 2012 8:13:41 AM  
Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Paul Mumford

Corvallis, OR 97333



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: hixonm@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:11:44 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mark Hixon" <hixonm@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 9, 2012 2:35:12 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered

bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging stormdrain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Mark Hixon

Philomath, OR 97370

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Mark Hixon

- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Next by Date: **Undeliverable: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: seanhixon3@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:12:14 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sean Hixon" <seanhixon3@xxxxxxxxxx>

To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Friday, March 9, 2012 2:47:35 PM

Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Sean Hixon

Corvallis, OR 97330

• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Sean Hixon*

- Prev by Date: **Undeliverable: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: lillianjtuttle@xxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 12 Mar 2012 09:13:12 -0700 (PDT)

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which has been shared with the council's Adminstrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Lillian Tuttle" <lillianjtuttle@xxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 9, 2012 3:56:13 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Lillian Tuttle

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Lillian Tuttle*
- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: House Dear Colleague Letters in Support of CDBG and HOME Funding in FY13**
- Previous by thread: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- **To:** magalicious9@xxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Thu, 8 Mar 2012 08:39:40 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared it with members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference as they discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
**From:** magalicious9@xxxxxxxxxx  
**To:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
**Cc:** magalicious9@xxxxxxxxxx  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 8, 2012 8:31:57 AM  
**Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Margaret Wickham  
Corvallis, OR 97330

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- *To:* nrneumann@xxxxxxxxxx
  - *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
  - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - *Date:* Thu, 8 Mar 2012 08:40:36 -0800 (PST)
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Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared it with members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference as they discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

*From:* nrneumann@xxxxxxxxxx  
*To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
*Cc:* nrneumann@xxxxxxxxxx  
*Sent:* Wednesday, March 7, 2012 10:06:56 PM  
*Subject:* Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Nancy Neumann

Corvallis, OR 97333

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- **To:** ayers8149@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Thu, 8 Mar 2012 08:41:17 -0800 (PST)

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Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared it with members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference as they discuss this issue.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

**From:** ayers8149@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
**To:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
**Cc:** ayers8149@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 7, 2012 8:46:17 PM  
**Subject:** Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

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I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Mark Ayers

Corvallis , OR 97333



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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 7 Mar 2012 08:40:02 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that it be shared with members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee, who are currently discussing this topic.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: bonkisqueen@xxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 7:42:26 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

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Sincerely,

Amanda Harden

Corvallis, OR 97330



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** snellmd@xxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:49:41 -0800 (PST)
- **Cc:** Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message, which I have asked to be shared with the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Mary Dean Snelling" <snellmd@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 7:50:17 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I fully support the single-use plastic bag ban policy under consideration by the Corvallis City Council. As a Corvallis resident I am concerned about corporate interests in blocking this policy.

It is estimated that less than 5% of plastic grocery bags are currently being recycled. The remainder threaten our wildlife, pollute the landscape and go into the Coffin Butte landfill. Science has shown that it takes more than a hundred years for the plastic to disintegrate, if ever.

Personally I have switched to cloth bags which is a very easy solution. There is no reason we need to pollute our environment and threaten wildlife with plastic bags. Please vote as our environmentally conscious community would. Support the ban on single-use plastic bags  
Please think about the right thing to do for future generations.

Mary Dean Snelling  
Corvallis, OR 97330

• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - From: Mary Dean Snelling

- Prev by Date: **Re: Oregon Software Industry Video Project**
- Next by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: <web>Proposed Ban On Plastic Grocery Bags

- To: jenkins w <jenkins.w@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: <web>Proposed Ban On Plastic Grocery Bags
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:56:00 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. The Council's Administrative Services Committee is scheduled to make recommendations to the full Council on this topic in May. In the meantime, the committee members are interested in offering some type of survey to elicit additional feedback. That survey and distribution method are still being finalized.

I will share your comments with the committee members for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "jenkins w" <jenkins.w@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 8:16:36 AM  
 Subject: <web>Proposed Ban On Plastic Grocery Bags

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:  
 Bill Jenkins  
 jenkins.w@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 prefer phone contact: no

Dear Mayor Manning:

I believe the proponents of the proposed ban on plastic grocery bags are pushing to close off further consideration of the matter. I believe in choice. Obviously plastic bags are useful and some stores have bag recycle collection points. I would suggest that before the council acts, that the council solicit input from local businesses which make them available to customers. I believe an outright ban may have unintended consequences for local businesses.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Jenkins  
Corvallis

• References:



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: pyhsimmons@xxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:50:20 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. We have shared the letter below with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Paulette Simmons" <pyhsimmons@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 5:29:18 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Paulette Simmons

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Paulette Simmons*

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* jan@xxxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:52:38 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared the letter below with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Jan Weir" <jan@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 9:13:32 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Jan Weir

Corvallis, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**

- *From:* Jan Weir

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: lindathenurse@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:53:12 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Linda Ramsey" <lindathenurse@xxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 9:01:23 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Linda Ramsey

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Corvallis, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Linda Ramsey
- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: <web>Proposed Ban On Plastic Grocery Bags**
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## Re: Please ban the bag in Corvallis

- To: langford@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Please ban the bag in Corvallis
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:56:45 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared the letter below with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Charles Langford" <langford@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 10:41:02 PM  
 Subject: Please ban the bag in Corvallis

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

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Please do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis and ban single-use plastic bags.

Charles Langford

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Please ban the bag in Corvallis**
  - *From:* Charles Langford
- Prev by Date: **Re: <web>Proposed Ban On Plastic Grocery Bags**
- Next by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
- Previous by thread: **Please ban the bag in Corvallis**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: meatblade@xxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:57:49 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that they be shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: meatblade@xxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: meatblade@xxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 4:30:16 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

Please ban plastic bags in Corvallis. If plastic bags were no longer an option people like myself would be forced to take the quick easy extra step of bringing our own bags to the store. While recycling sounds great and all, I highly doubt that people will follow through. Ban plastic bags and help Corvallis become a statewide example of how to reduce waste.

Thanks

Sincerely,  
 Billy Stevens  
 Corvallis, OR 97330

- **References:**
  - **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
    - From: meatblade
- Prev by Date: **Re: Please ban the bag in Corvallis**
- Next by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

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- *To:* currentpattern@xxxxxxxxx
  - *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
  - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:59:43 -0800 (PST)
  - *Cc:* Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
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Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that your comments be shared with the members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: currentpattern@xxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: currentpattern@xxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 8:51:24 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

Please ban plastic bags, AND creating a public education program about recycling.

I highly doubt that banning plastic bags will create severe burdens on jobs and Corvallis families. People will easily adjust. Not only would such a change be helpful for the environment, but it will also encourage people in knowing that some concrete changes in everyday life can and will happen, which will make people be more willing to accept the kinds of lifestyle changes that we are going to have to adopt in the near future if we are to become a sustainable community. Banning plastic bags seems like a significant change in people's eyes (though in truth it is a relatively minor change). This will help people get used to changing their lifestyles.

Helix-Poly's claim that taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs is probably an overstatement. Helix-Poly is an out-of-state plastic bag manufacturer, and they are NOT concerned with the state of Oregon's economy- they are ONLY concerned with OREGON BUYING MORE PLASTIC BAGS. Please discount them. They are merely the automated voice of plastic bags attempting to preserve themselves. If weeds in your garden could speak, they would say similar things.

Sincerely,

Bryan Smith

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: CPCHINOOK@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 11:58:34 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared the letter below with members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "CHARLES PHOENIX" <CPCHINOOK@xxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 8:59:54 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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CHARLES PHOENIX  
CORVALLIS, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* CHARLES PHOENIX

- Prev by Date: **Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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## Re: No plastic Bags in Corvallis

- To: treeve@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: No plastic Bags in Corvallis
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:02:19 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. The City Council's Administrative Services Committee is currently studying this issue and plans to bring recommendations to the Council in May. I have asked that your comments be shared with the committee members for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Todd Reeve" <treeve@xxxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 8:23:57 PM  
Subject: No plastic Bags in Corvallis

I am a lifelong Corvallis resident, and I am writing to very strongly support banning plastic bags in Corvallis. It makes no sense to provide throw-away plastic bags with every store purchase. These bags end up in the landfill, in our creeks and parks, and they serve little value as many other options exist for carrying groceries or other items purchased at a store. IN addition, the bags are of such poor quality that they largely cannot be used for multiple purposes. It's absurd that we continue this.

I feel very strongly that Corvallis needs to set a precedent here and protect the resources that we have. We can't afford to perpetuate a throw-away culture by facilitating this ridiculous custom of single use, free-of-charge plastic bags with every single purchase.

This issue is very important to me and my family, and I expect to track progress on this and pursue whatever needs to be done to get this passed.

Thank you very much for your work for Corvallis and for supporting this action.

Todd Reeve

Todd Reeve

Corvallis, OR 97330

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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- *To:* christine crabtree <christine.crabtree@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:01:02 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. The City Council's Administrative Services Committee is currently discussing this topic, and I have asked that your comments be shared with the committee members for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "christine crabtree" <christine.crabtree@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: "christine crabtree" <christine.crabtree@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 8:36:40 PM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Christine Crabtree

Corvallis, OR 97333

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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- To: utts@xxxxxxxxxxx
  - Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
  - From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - Date: Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:04:30 -0800 (PST)
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Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have shared the letter below with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Sally Utt" <utts@xxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 10:18:14 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Sally Utt

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Sally Utt*
- Prev by Date: **Re: Oregon Software Industry Video Project**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** racheloz@xxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Tue, 6 Mar 2012 12:05:14 -0800 (PST)
- **Cc:** Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that your comments be shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning

Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Rachel Ozretich" <racheloz@xxxxxxxx>

To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Tuesday, March 6, 2012 10:31:01 AM

Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

Please don't let corporate profits (for non-corvallisites, especiaaly) or citizen laziness outweigh our stewardship of our lifeboat Earth! It wasn't that long ago that we always used paper bags or fabric bags!! Do the right thing, follow up the bottle bills, and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the plastic bag!!  
Rachel Ozretich

Corvallis 97333

Rachel Ozretich

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - **From:** Rachel Ozretich
- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: Gaylordjohng@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 16:18:32 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that they be shared with the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Joanne Gaylord" <Gaylordjohng@xxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 4:14:06 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

We all support ending the plastic bag problem affecting the world. The streams, rivers and oceans are awash with plastic and it is all of our responsibility to end this polution. Please dont be taken in by the big lobby firms and their slick talk. Let Corvallis be a leader in this just cause. We count on you and the council to boldly go forward and do what is right for the planet. Good luck in your work !!! We appreciate your efforts Joanne Gaylord,  
 Corvallis OR 97330

Joanne Gaylord  
Corvallis, OR 97330

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - From: Joanne Gaylord
- Prev by Date: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: woodpecker97330@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 16:19:23 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that they be shared with the members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "James Simmons" <woodpecker97330@xxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 4:10:34 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

As a 20-year local resident, I am writing to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

The economic and natural resource impacts of single-use bag pollution in inland and coastal communities throughout the state is alarming, yet eliminating this simple luxury of convenience can be a positive and simple step in sustainability. I'm also reminded of our state's historical leadership in being stewards of Oregon jobs and the environment through such acts as the Beach Bill and the Bottle Bill. Today, we are again presented with such an opportunity to be leaders by eliminating single-use plastic bags and I ask for your support on a local effort to ban plastic bags and keep the goal of "reducing the use" within a local context, not one of corporate interests. A vote against a plastic bag ban is to support out of state businesses over ensuring Oregonians retain jobs, clean beaches and the environment that makes our state a leader.

Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year.

The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

The rest of these bags end up in our landfills or as litter, clogging storm drain systems, and making their way to our waterways and ocean. It is estimated that 60-80% of all marine debris, and 90% of floating debris is plastic, mostly originating from land-based sources. Plastic lasts for hundreds of years in our environment and may never biodegrade in the ocean. As a result, they pose a persistent threat to wildlife. Each year, an estimated 1 million seabirds and 100,000 marine mammals die as a result of eating or being strangled by plastic and other marine debris.

Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Thank you!

James Simmons

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**

- *From:* James Simmons

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis**
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## Re: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis

- **To:** Phil Rozenski <Phil.Rozenski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Re: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Mon, 5 Mar 2012 16:20:27 -0800 (PST)
- **Cc:** Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your additional comments, which I will also asked to be shared with the Administrative Services committee members.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Phil Rozenski" <Phil.Rozenski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 2:52:13 PM  
Subject: RE: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis

Mayor Manning,

I sincerely appreciate your response and willingness to review the information I provided.

As you have the opportunity to share this information with the Administrative Services Committee and fellow council members, I believe that there are two main points that further reinforce the environmental and economic benefits of plastic bag recycling programs in lieu of bag bans.

- Reusable bags are adding to the waste stream - According to U.S. Trade Commission, we are importing more than 500 million reusable bags per year. These bags cannot be recycled. The volume at which we are collecting these bags amounts to five reusable bags per family, per year - and growing. To visualize this, that's nearly 4,000 container loads of reusable bags imported each year. If each bag isn't used to the extent that makes them a more environmentally friendly option - or if they are simply thrown away- the so-called "reusables" only serve to introduce more waste into the environment.

- Plastic bag recycling programs are successful - According to the U.S. EPA, the recycling rate of polyethylene bags, sacks and wraps in 2010 was 14.7 percent, a 23.8 percent increase from the rate in 2009. Recycling of polyethylene bags, sacks and wraps has now grown in nine out of the last 10 years. In fact, more than 854 million pounds of plastic bags, sacks and wraps were recycled in 2009. It also is important to note that most people in our communities go beyond recycling of plastic bags and actually reuse 40-60 percent of them as bin liners, for pet waste, storage or other uses. Surveys show that 90 percent of people in our communities reuse their bags.

I will continue to follow the discussion in Corvallis and please feel free to reach out to me as a resource at your convenience. Additionally, if you would like to further discuss this, I would be happy to organize a time for us to

connect via telephone.

v/r

Philip R. Rozenski

Director of Marketing and Sustainability

618 402-4244

phil.rozenski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Learn the facts about plastic bags at [www.bagtheban.com](http://www.bagtheban.com)

Hilex Poly Co., LLC

1780 Belt Way Drive

St. Louis, MO 63114

-----Original Message-----

From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx [mailto:mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx]

Sent: Thursday, March 01, 2012 11:21 AM

To: Phil Rozenski

Cc: Kathy Louie

Subject: Re: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis

Hello,

Thank you for your message and for being part of the community discussion currently taking place on this complex issue. I have asked that your comments be shared with the members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Phil Rozenski" <Phil.Rozenski@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 8:33:28 AM

Subject: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis

Mayor Manning,

As an employee of Hilex Poly , an industry leading manufacturer and recycler of plastic bag and film products, I have been following the recent bag conversation in Corvallis. As discussions continue on this issue, I wanted to share some information about the real impacts of bag legislation and an alternative - recycling - that achieves the goal of reducing litter while protecting the 10,000+ Americans employed by the plastic bag manufacturing and recycling industry.

Experience shows bag legislation cripples green job growth while producing no benefits for the environment or consumers. My concern is that a proposal in Corvallis will not take into account that plastic bags are 100 percent recyclable, can contain recycled content (true closed-loop recycling) and can be reused for many household purposes as nine out of 10 Americans already do. Eliminating free plastic grocery bags forces consumers to search for alternatives such as paper or cloth bags. Both options weigh more and take more energy to produce, contributing to greater emissions, not less.

Put simply, banning plastic bags in Corvallis would:

- Decrease jobs in Oregon
- Increase dependence on foreign oil
- Increase global greenhouse gas emissions
- Decrease recycling of plastic bags, sacks and wraps
- Have minimal impact on the .05 percent of plastic entering the waste stream

More information is available at Hilex Poly's Bag the Ban , including:

- Fact sheets on recycling as well as the environmental and economic impacts of bans and taxes
- Multimedia, including interactive infographics detailing the impact of plastic bags on the economy , health and the environment
- Videos about safe reusable bag use and a closer look at plastic bags

Hilex Poly is committed to recycling and consumer choice and hopes Corvallis considers these a top priority as well. We are dedicated to working with policymakers like yourself and other stakeholders to promote comprehensive recycling solutions.

I hope this information was helpful in describing why recycling is a better option and bag bans are, simply put, bad public policy. If you have any questions or would like to discuss the facts about plastic bags and the impacts of plastic bag legislation, please let me know; I am available to discuss this further with you at any time.

v/r

Philip R. Rozenski

Director of Marketing and Sustainability

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• **References:**

- **RE: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis**
  - *From:* Phil Rozenski
- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Support recycling, not taxes & bans!**
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**Holzworth, Carla**

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**To:** Louie, Kathy  
**Subject:** RE: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Monday, March 05, 2012 9:36 AM  
**To:** cjohnson24@  
**Cc:** Louie, Kathy  
**Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that it be shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Chris Johnson" <cjohnson24\_>  
**To:** mayor@council.ci.corvallis.or.us  
**Sent:** Sunday, March 4, 2012 9:20:39 PM  
**Subject:** Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

--I agree with the above pre-prepared paragraph by Surfrider. I think we are caring and clever society to find other solutions to plastic bags. Are we so naive to think that this cheap OIL based product doesn't kill many, many animals every day?

I am a lifelong resident of Corvallis and I want our city to be a leader in the movement to DO WHAT IS RIGHT. We share this planet and it is up to us to LEAD THE WAY! Please ban all plastic bag use. Thank you.

Chris Johnson

Corvallis, OR 97333



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## Represent Corvallis Residents and Defeat the Bag Ban.

- To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Defeat the Bag Ban.
- From: John Park <jpark714@xxxxxxxxxx>
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 14:32:24 -0500 (EST)
- Reply-to: jpark714@xxxxxxxxxx

Unlike the other 'lemmings' sending in a form letter, I write to express my own opinions.

Others have mentioned that Market of Choice does not use plastics bag. I say 'Bravo' to Market of Choice, but I am also amused by the irony of those that want to eliminate that choice from both businesses and consumers. My family uses reusable grocery bags whenever possible, but we also find multiple uses for both plastic and paper shopping bags. Stewardship of our planet should come from a personal desire, not through legislation.

I also applaud the Administrative Services committee for including multiple viewpoints in their fact finding. Just because someone is from out of town or makes a living producing a product doesn't make them evil.

Please take your time to carefully consider all points of view and don't be swayed simply by the volume of pre-written emails sent from the Surfrider Foundation (<http://t.co/m8ZN46pa>) .

Thanks for your efforts, but please make sure you work on your stated city council priorities, which don't include frivolous items such as banning products or spending money on a 'Move to Amend'.

John Park

Corvallis, OR 97330

- Prev by Date: **RE: Walk4Water Event, May 19**
- Next by Date: **Fwd: Quota warning**
- Previous by thread: **March 2012 Sustainability Events Calendar - PLEASE DISTRIBUTE**
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## Re: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall

- To: corvallismatters@xxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 10:54:12 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for conducting this poll and for sharing the results with me. I have asked that the information be shared with the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: corvallismatters@xxxxxxx  
Sent: Sunday, March 4, 2012 11:38:22 AM  
Subject: Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall

We did an informal survey on plastic bags at the Sustainability Coalition Town Hall.

The bean poll was set up at the Sierra Club table. We provided the following information

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On November 7, 2011, in response to citizen requests, the Corvallis City Council recommended a staff study of a possible ban on single use plastic bags in Corvallis.

Scope: Reduce from all retail locations (excluding restaurants) single-use plastic (synthetic or natural) carryout bags that are provided at point of sale and that are less than 2.25 millimeters thick.

Options for implementing that directive include:

1. Ban on plastic bags with pass-through fee on paper bags. The fee would stay with the retailer. The pass-through fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
2. Pass-through fee on both plastic and paper bags. Retailers and consumers would still have the choice of paper or plastic. The fee would stay with the retailer, but would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees.
3. Voluntary education program about the plastic problem to encourage the use of reusable bags.

The results:

- |                                     |          |
|-------------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Ban Plastic/5¢ fee on paper bags | 12 beans |
| 2. No Ban/ 5¢ fee on all bags       | 59 beans |
| 3. Education only, volunteer ban    | 4 beans  |

Personally, I agree with the poll results. The 5¢ pass through fee on all bags is the best idea. Citizens can still choose what kind of bag they want to use. There is no dealing with definitions and various types of bags. All it does is direct retailers to overtly pass the cost of the bags onto the consumers. Consumers are already paying for the bags, but it is a hidden cost.

Louise Marquering

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• **References:**

- **Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall**
  - *From: corvallismatters*
- Prev by Date: **Re: Move Our Money - Occupy Corvallis**
- Next by Date: **Automatic reply: Move Our Money - Occupy Corvallis**
- Previous by thread: **Plastic Bag Survey at Town Hall**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** monroemolly@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Thu, 1 Mar 2012 09:22:35 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked your letter be shared with members of the city's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Molly Monroe" <monroemolly@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 4:56:37 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

As a local resident, I am extremely concerned with the inclusion of private corporate interest in the discussions of this issue that aren't even from our state, more or less the City of Corvallis. As an individual and concerned citizen, I don't have the luxury that corporate interests have of hiring a PR firm to expend millions of dollars on influence, such as the many ads I've seen purchased on Facebook, online and social networks. We elected this body of Council to represent people like myself, local residents that contribute to the economy and services of our local community and we expect to be represented fairly.

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Oregonians use an estimated 1.7 billion single-use plastic bags every year. The state spends millions annually to clean up and landfill these littered

bags, and millions of dollars are also spent by local governments to clean littered streets and waterways.

We can no longer recycle our way out of this problem. In fact, there are no plastic bags manufactured or recycling facilities in the state of Oregon. Despite efforts to expand recycling programs, less than 5% of plastic grocery bags (HDPE) are currently being recycled. The bags themselves present a problem for Oregon recyclers, entangling sorting machines accounting for up to 20% of their overhead costs

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Do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Molly Monroe

Corvallis, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**

- *From: Molly Monroe*

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Important eGovernment Research Survey - Seeking your Feedback**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* jean marr <jean\_marr@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Thu, 1 Mar 2012 09:21:47 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. As you know, the Administrative Services Committee held a stakeholder meeting on this topic yesterday and is on track to bring its recommendations back to the City Council according to the timeline originally proposed.

I have asked that your comments be shared with the ASC members for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Jean Marr" <jean\_marr@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 10:37:34 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I write to express my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City. I won't go into details about why because you already know all the reasons.

When I testified before the council on this issue, I said I understood the need to work out a few details in committee, but asked you not to take forever to get this done. It's beginning to feel like forever.

Please, do the right thing and represent our local interests with this small, yet positive step towards sustainability in Corvallis - ban the bag!

Jean Marr  
Corvallis, OR 97333

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - *From:* Jean Marr
- Prev by Date: **Re: Plastic Bag Legislation in Corvallis**



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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* ralarts06@xxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 15:29:01 -0800 (PST)
- *Cc:* Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that they be shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

*From:* "Ralph Penunuri" <ralarts06@xxxxxxxx>  
*To:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
*Sent:* Wednesday, February 29, 2012 2:31:31 PM  
*Subject:* Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I add my strong support of the council's original request of the Administrative Services Committee to develop a plan to reduce the use of plastic checkout bags in the city of Corvallis. A policy that would prohibit single-use plastic checkout bags at retail establishments throughout the City is the most effective means of reaching this goal which I strongly support.

Bringing in out-of-state private interest and lobby groups will undermine the integrity of our public and government process. Please retain and truly support the original intention and application of this plastic bag ban – for ourselves, our environment and our progeny.

Yes, do the right thing and represent our local interest above corporate profits and waste. This is a small, yet very significant step towards sustainability for Corvallis and our region – ban the bag now!

Ralph Penunuri

Corvallis, OR 97333

- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - *From:* Ralph Penunuri

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: elizabeth perry <elizabeth.perry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 15:29:43 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that the letter be shared with the members of the Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Elizabeth Perry" <elizabeth.perry@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 3:26:59 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Elizabeth Perry

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Elizabeth Perry

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: Tech Survey Letter...**
- Previous by thread: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: fedderke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 12:59:01 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that it be shared with the members of the council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Kelly Fedderson" <fedderke@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 12:43:55 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From: Kelly Fedderson*

- Prev by Date: **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **[Newsletter] Friday, March 9th Farewell Open House for Ruth Harshfield**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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- *To:* carlylettero@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 12:25:02 -0800 (PST)

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Hello,

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Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Carly Lettero" <carlylettero@xxxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 10:04:56 AM  
Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Carly Lettero

N/A  
Corvallis, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Carly Lettero

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: cassiopia11@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 12:23:59 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that the letter be shared with members of the Administrative Services Committee that is working to develop recommendations for City Council consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Cassandra Robertson" <cassiopia11@xxxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 10:19:57 AM  
Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Cassandra Robertson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Cassandra Robertson

- Prev by Date: **Message Quarantined: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Defeat the Bag Ban.**
- Next by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- **To:** kathy dabnet <kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx>
- **Subject:** Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- **From:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- **Date:** Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:23:09 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

**From:** "Kathy Brewer" <kathy.dabnet@xxxxxxxx>  
**To:** mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 28, 2012 9:22:07 PM  
**Subject:** Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Plastic bag bans are no big deal except for companies who make plastic bags (such as Hilex Poly). Look at Market of Choice as an example of a large, mainstream business that does not use plastic checkout bags.

Corvallis is a model for sustainable communities in so many areas. A plastic bag ban is an easy and obvious step to continue that leadership position.

Kathy Brewer

Corvallis, OR 97333

• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - **From:** Kathy Brewer

- **Prev by Date:** **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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- *To:* benefit1970@xxxxxxxxxx
  - *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
  - *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
  - *Date:* Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:22:34 -0800 (PST)
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Hello,

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Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Brandon Goldner" <benefit1970@xxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:26:14 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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I want to keep this short, so I will simply say that I appreciate your work for the community.

Thank you,

-Brandon Goldner

Corvallis, OR 97333

Brandon Goldner

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- **Follow-Ups:**
  - **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - *From:* Brandon Goldner
- **References:**
  - **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
    - *From:* Brandon Goldner

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: johkay03@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:21:58 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Kayla Johnston" <johkay03@xxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:37:12 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Kayla Johnston

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Kayla Johnston

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: escoker@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:21:22 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Eric Coker" <escoker@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 10:56:55 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Eric Coker

Corvallis, OR 97333

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Eric Coker

- Prev by Date: **Re: <web>Parking committee resignation**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: geothegreen47@xxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:18:40 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that the letter be shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "George Hutchinson" <geothegreen47@xxxxxxxxx>  
To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
Sent: Tuesday, February 28, 2012 11:36:15 PM  
Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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George Hutchinson

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* George Hutchinson

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
- Next by Date: **Re: <web>Parking committee resignation**
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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: courtneychi@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:17:43 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that the letter be shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Courtney Childs" <courtneychi@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 6:22:03 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Courtney Childs

Corvallis, OR 97333

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- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Courtney Childs

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: schustea@xxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:16:56 -0800 (PST)

Hi Anne,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that the original letter be shared with the members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----  
 From: "Anne Schuster" <schustea@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 6:27:49 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

I absolutely agree with the sentiments in this letter. Let's do the rational thing! Anne

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Anne Schuster

Corvallis, OR 97333

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  - *From: Anne Schuster*

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: abrahammooney@xxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 08:15:58 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I am requesting that it be shared with the members of the City Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Abraham Mooney" <abrahammooney@xxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Wednesday, February 29, 2012 7:34:00 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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• **References:**

- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Abraham Mooney

- Prev by Date: **U.S. Communities Marketplace - office supplies**
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## Re: <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax

- To: allan huffaker <allan\_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Wed, 29 Feb 2012 12:26:07 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your comments. I have asked that they be shared with the city's Administrative Services Committee that is working to develop recommendations for City Council consideration.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "allan huffaker" <allan\_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, February 27, 2012 1:02:46 PM  
 Subject: <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax

This is an inquiry e-mail via Contact Us form:

Allan Huffaker  
 allan\_huffaker@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 prefer phone contact: no

I wanted to comment on the proposed paper bag tax and plastic bag ban. I am opposed to a ban on plastic shopping bags. I also oppose any tax on paper shopping bags. I would support recycling these bags or paying some sort of a deposit fee.

I expect retailers to provide full service customer care when I make a purchase. This includes providing free bags for me to transport my purchases.

Albany has Costco, Wal Mart, Sears, Target, BiMart, Fred Meyer Superstore, Kohls, Old Navy, Home Depot, Coastal Farm and Safeway. All of which offer wide selections, competitive pricing and are willing to provide free boxes or bags for their customers purchases.

Its all about service, selection and pricing. Corvallis needs to come up with ways to attract people to shop here, not drive them away.

- **References:**
  - <web>Proposed Paper Bag Tax
    - From: allan\_huffaker

- Prev by Date: **Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**



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## Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

- To: riley@xxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Mon, 5 Mar 2012 11:03:21 -0800 (PST)
- Cc: Kathy Louie <Kathy.Louie@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx>

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that your comments be shared with the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference in the discussion they are having on related topics.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: riley@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Cc: riley@xxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Monday, March 5, 2012 9:42:53 AM  
 Subject: Support recycling, not taxes & bans!

Mayor Manning,

I recently heard that Corvallis is considering three ways to decrease litter and increase recycling in our town: banning bags, taxing bags, or creating a public education program about recycling.

Only one of these options wouldn't threaten Oregon jobs or put new tax burdens on Corvallis families. And only one of these options could encourage Corvallis to recycle all our paper and plastic goods, not just bags. That's why I support the public education program and why I oppose taxes and bans on my bags.

Bag taxes and bans don't help clean the environment or reduce litter. They just hurt people who can least afford an additional cost burden in these tough economic times. What's worse, taxing or banning bags could directly threaten Oregon's manufacturing and recycling jobs.

I hope you'll oppose bans and taxes, and instead support the real solution to litter: recycling. By creating a public education program, you could make Corvallis a statewide leader in recycling.

Sincerely,

Andrew Rilev

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: alalwan@xxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2012 09:48:22 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Saeed Alalwan" <alalwan@xxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Friday, March 2, 2012 9:41:46 AM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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Saeed Alalwan

Corvallis, OR 97330

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- **Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!**
  - *From:* Saeed Alalwan

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: linda sebring <linda.sebring@xxxxxxxx>
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2012 09:01:11 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that the letter be shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

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Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Linda Sebring" <linda.sebring@xxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 12:08:50 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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• **References:**

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▪ *From:* Linda Sebring

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- *To:* christinehere@xxxxxxxxxx
- *Subject:* Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- *From:* mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- *Date:* Fri, 2 Mar 2012 09:00:11 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

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Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Christine Nguyen" <christinehere@xxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 5:42:51 PM  
 Subject: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

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## Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!

- To: biggii@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Subject: Re: Represent Corvallis Residents and Ban the Bag!
- From: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx
- Date: Fri, 2 Mar 2012 08:59:26 -0800 (PST)

Hello,

Thank you for your message. I have asked that the letter be shared with members of the Council's Administrative Services Committee for their reference.

Sincerely,

Julie Manning  
Mayor

----- Original Message -----

From: "Ian Biggi" <biggii@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>  
 To: mayor@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx  
 Sent: Thursday, March 1, 2012 6:23:36 PM  
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**Solid reasons not  
to Ban Plastic Bags.**

*Bruce Harmon, President, Harmon Communications  
March 21, 2012*

March 21, 2012

## Why is the council even considering banning or limiting plastic bags?

—*This is bad idea with no scientific basis and no measurable environmental benefit.*

As a long-time citizen of Corvallis, I became concerned with what appears to be a poorly informed decision that will only serve to burden shoppers and add to the already rising cost of purchasing food and merchandise.

I, as do nearly everyone I know in this city find plastic bags **extremely convenient, multi-use and sanitary**. We see fundamental flaws in the idea of any ban of plastic bags.

First, This is about consumer freedom — Please do not take away, tax or otherwise diminish this amazingly useful, nearly sterile item that actually makes our lives easier and safer. Let us consumers choose how we shop, not the City Council. Furthermore, is it really the role of government to take away convenient, safe and useful items that people want and use?

Second, Chapter 2 (Powers), Section 4 of the Corvallis city Charter says, in part, that the City has “*Responsibility to All People. The City shall exercise its power to ensure the equal protection, treatment, and representation of all persons without discrimination including, but not limited to, age, ... physical disability, ... and source or level of income. Corvallis... honors ... diverse interests....*”

Banning plastic bags conflicts with these parts of the charter, in that elderly, poor and disabled people find plastic bags more manageable and easy to use because of their lightweight, strength and convenient carry handles.

Third, The overall market in Corvallis already effectively addresses consumer use of bags. For example, some stores provide plastic bags (e.g. Safeway, Albertson’s) while others provide paper bags, (e.g. Trader Joe’s, Market of Choice) while still others offer both to their customers (e.g. Bi-Mart). All of the retail and grocery stores we have surveyed in Corvallis offer and promote the use of non-plastic “tote” bags. So why is this issue even being considered by Council?

Fourth, Plastic bags make up a miniscule portion of discarded debris. Banning them or any other disposable item in Corvallis would have virtually zero effect on the environment. So we should try to educate the public about recycling plastic bags and other disposable materials, just as everyone has been doing at an increasing rate for years.

Finally, here are scientific and well-researched facts from these and other sources:

- The American Progressive Bag Alliance
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Bagtheban.com
- eHow.com
- Bankrate.com
- Donna Dempsey, Washington D.C., an expert on the use, recycling and disposal of plastic bags

1. Plastic bags are not “single use” — 90% of Americans reuse their plastic bags for pet litter, protection from rain, bicycle seat protection, food storage, trash can liners, etc.

2. They are inexpensive, very useful and made in the United States.
3. Plastic grocery bags are polyethylene, most are made from 75% natural gas and 25% recycled bags.
4. Plastic grocery bags make up less than 0.5% of the solid waste stream
5. Much is already being done about plastic bags. They are 100% recyclable; one company, for example, Hilex Poly, has over 30,000 recycling points in the U.S.
6. Nationwide, 14.7% of bags and wraps were recycled in 2010 – that's 971 million lbs, up 60% from 2005.
7. It takes 91% less energy to recycle a pound of plastic than to recycle a pound of paper.
8. For every 7 trucks needed to deliver paper bags, only 1 truck is needed for plastic bags. (Energy savings)
9. 100% of plastic bags can be made into a multitude of useful new products: such as building products, fencing, decking, pipe, playground equipment and new bags.
10. **Multi-use grocery "Tote" bags also carry lots of things that can make us sick, including dangerous eColi, other bacteria, and lead.** For example, half of randomly sampled tote bags were found to have toxins, such as lead and bacteria, above safe levels by 300%.
11. Storing tote bags in the trunk of your car helps bacteria grow rapidly.
12. Tote bags are usually polypropylene, not made in US, but made overseas from oil.
13. These "multi-use" tote bags also go to the landfill and are not easily recycled.
14. Plastic film and bags protect our food from external contaminants such as germs and harmful bacteria, and keep food fresh.

*Submitted by Bruce Harmon, president, Harmon Communications, 541-754-7613*

## MYTHS and FACTS about plastic grocery bags

**Myth:** Paper grocery bags are a better environmental choice than plastic bags.

**Fact:** Plastic bags are 100% recyclable and for all environmental impacts related to air emissions, water emissions and solid waste:

- Plastic bags use 40% less energy to produce and generate 80% less solid waste than paper.
- Paper bags generate 70% more emissions, and 50 times more water pollutants than plastic bags.
- Even paper bags made from 100% recycled fiber use more fossil fuels than plastic bags.

**Myth:** Plastic bags are the largest component of landfills and the primary component of litter.

**Fact:** The most common item in landfills is paper—on average, it accounts for more than 40% of a landfill's contents. Cigarette butts, chewing gum, and candy wrappers account for about 95% of all litter in the English-speaking world. Plastic bag aren't even listed in the top 20.

**Myth:** Plastic grocery bags take 1,000 years to decompose in landfills.

**Fact:** Virtually nothing—even compostable or biodegradable products—decompose in today's landfills, because they are actually designed to be as stable and dry as possible. Research by William Rathje, a fellow at the Archaeology Center of Stanford University and director of The Garbage Project, shows that paper bags don't degrade any faster than plastic bags. Paper bags are many times bulkier than plastic, so they fill up more landfill space," Rathje says.

**Myth:** Plastic bags feed America's addiction to oil.

**Fact:** They are usually made from natural gas and are very energy-efficient to manufacture.

**Myth:** Compostable bags can degrade in backyard composts.

**Fact:** In order to breakdown, compostable bags must be sent to an industrial composting facility, not backyard piles or municipal composting centers. There are few of these facilities in the U.S.

**Myth:** For people who live near water, paper bags are the environmentally friendly choice to protect marine wildlife.

**Fact:** The manufacture of plastic bags release 94 percent less pollution into the water and 70 percent less air pollution than the manufacture of paper bags. Recycling and proper disposal of all products makes sure that any threat to the environment, including wildlife, is be reduced.

**Myth:** According to The New York Times, only 5.2 % of plastic bags in the US were recycled in 2005, and according to Worldwatch, only 0.6 percent of plastic bags are recycled nationwide.

**Fact:** Recycling is significant and growing. Nationwide, 14.7% of bags and wraps were recycled in 2010 – that's 971 million lbs, up 60% from 2005.

**Myth:** Recycling of plastic bags is too expensive.

**Fact:** The price of not recycling them is high. Recycling helps save resources and minimize the amount of waste going our landfill. Its worth noting that it takes 91% less energy to recycle a pound of plastic than it takes to recycle a pound of paper.

**Myth:** There's no demand for recycled plastic.

**Fact:** Today there is a growing market for recycled plastic that didn't exist 15 years ago. It's also cheaper now to use recycled plastic than to obtain new materials. Recycled plastic grocery and shopping bags are currently being made into new consumer products such as clean new plastic shopping bags, outdoor decking, playground equipment, pipe and many other products.

**Myth:** There is a Texas-sized garbage patch in the ocean.

**Fact:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has examined and identified garbage in the oceans. There is no garbage patch in ocean the size of Texas. The amount of plastic is difficult to measure or predict and cannot be seen by satellite.

*From the Progressive Bag Alliance and my own research:  
Bruce Harmon, Corvallis, Oregon*

## Litter? Is that really a problem anywhere in 2011 America?

Though Heal the Bay and other green groups claim that plastic bags are among the “sea’s most insidious pollutants,” *The Times* (UK) exposed that myth in the March 2008 article, “Series of blunders turned the plastic bag into global villain.” The article reads:

Scientists and environmentalists have attacked a global campaign to ban plastic bags which they say is based on flawed science and exaggerated claims.

The widely stated accusation that the bags kill 100,000 animals and a million seabirds every year are false, experts have told *The Times*. They pose only a minimal threat to most marine species, including seals, whales, dolphins and seabirds...

Campaigners say that plastic bags pollute coastlines and waterways, killing or injuring birds and livestock on land and, in the oceans, destroying vast numbers of seabirds, seals, turtles and whales. However, *The Times* has established that there is no scientific evidence to show that the bags pose any direct threat to marine mammals.

They “don’t figure” in the majority of cases where animals die from marine debris, said David Laist, the author of a seminal 1997 study on the subject. Most deaths were caused when creatures became caught up in waste produce. “Plastic bags don’t figure in entanglement,” he said. “The main culprits are fishing gear, ropes, lines and strapping bands. Most mammals are too big to get caught up in a plastic bag.”

He added: “The impact of bags on whales, dolphins, porpoises and seals ranges from nil for most species to very minor for perhaps a few species. For birds, plastic bags are not a problem either.”

The central claim of campaigners is that the bags kill more than 100,000 marine mammals and one million seabirds every year. However, this figure is based on a misinterpretation of a 1987 Canadian study in Newfoundland, which found that, between 1981 and 1984, more than 100,000 marine mammals, including birds, were killed by discarded nets. The Canadian study did not mention plastic bags.

Fifteen years later in 2002, when the Australian Government commissioned a report into the effects of plastic bags, its authors misquoted the Newfoundland study, mistakenly attributing the deaths to “plastic bags”.

The figure was latched on to by conservationists as proof that the bags were killers. For four years the “typo” remained uncorrected. It was only in 2006 that the authors altered the report, replacing “plastic bags” with “plastic debris”. But they admitted: “The actual numbers of animals killed annually by plastic bag litter is nearly impossible to determine.”

In a postscript to the correction they admitted that the original Canadian study had referred to fishing tackle, not plastic debris, as the threat to the marine environment.

Regardless, the erroneous claim has become the keystone of a widening campaign to demonise plastic bags.

David Santillo, a marine biologist at Greenpeace, told *The Times* that bad science was undermining the Government’s case for banning the bags. “It’s very unlikely that many animals are killed by plastic bags,” he said. “The evidence shows just the opposite. We are not going to solve the problem of waste by focusing on plastic bags.

“It doesn’t do the Government’s case any favours if you’ve got statements being made that aren’t supported by the scientific literature that’s out there. With larger mammals it’s fishing gear that’s the big problem. On a global basis plastic bags aren’t an issue. It would be great if statements like these weren’t made.”

Geoffrey Cox, a Tory member of the Commons Environment Select Committee, said: “I don’t like plastic bags and I certainly support restricting their use, but plainly it’s extremely important that before we take any steps we should rely on accurate information. It is bizarre that any campaign should be endorsed on the basis of a mistranslation. Gordon Brown should get his facts right.”

## **The Irish Bag Tax: Early Case Study Exposes Misguided Policy**

In March 2002, the Republic of Ireland instituted a tax on plastic bags in which retailers charged their customers 15 Euro cents (about 17 U.S. cents) for every shopping bag purchased. Now four years later, the Irish bag tax, which was supposedly passed in an effort to curb litter, has actually proved to be a disaster on several fronts. Unfortunately, it was hailed by environmentalists and others and quickly spawned the consideration of similar legislation by governments in Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, and the United States. Scotland is currently considering a tax on retail plastic bags, but the Scottish Parliament's environmental committee rejected the idea as unworkable in October 2006. A full parliamentary decision on the policy is anticipated by 2007.

The four-year experience of Ireland's bag tax has shown that the policy is not only worse for the environment, but causes other social problems as well:

- Where customers have been driven to use paper bags, it is now common for double or triple-bagging to take place to overcome the inferior strength of paper compared with plastic. This means, at least twice the numbers of paper bags are being used than plastic bags had been used. This leads to huge increases in the number of shipments and truckloads needed to transport paper bags.
- There is also clear evidence in Ireland of a switch to paper bag substitutes which consume eight times the raw material, three times the energy, create twice the levels of air pollution, waste fifty times as much process water, have six times the weight and ten times the volume.
- The Irish bag tax has caused a switch to heavier, bulkier alternatives which will degrade or decompose to produce greenhouse gases.
- There is no evidence offered (unsurprisingly given the fact that plastic carrier bags are less than 1% of litter) that litter has reduced in the Republic of Ireland since the introduction of a plastic bag tax.
- The Irish bag tax actually has invited more shoplifting to occur. Because plastic bags are normally only offered and used during or after payment has been received, it provides the most effective visual evidence of payment for goods. In Ireland, where customers were driven to bring their own shopping bags into stores, this has made the theft of goods from the shelf far easier as well as costing every small grocery shop in Ireland an average of 5,400 Euros per annum in stolen and/or abandoned wire baskets and trolleys (metal containers).
- These metal containers have far greater environmental impacts during production, shipment, eventual disposal, etc. and are a far greater visual problem when abandoned into the local environment than plastic bags.
- Research shows that since the bag tax was introduced in Ireland, there has been little significant reduction (if at all) in the tonnage of plastic bags of all types used in that country.

Experience in the Republic of Ireland indicates that the usage of plastic carrier bags has declined by in excess of 90% - but the residual funds (est. 10 million Euros) generated by the remaining 10% of those prepared to pay for carrier bags is estimated to be far less than the cost borne by the authorities in administering the program and is certainly less than the increased cost of theft to retailers as stated by RGDATA (Irish Grocers' Association) and in other published reports.

Encourage plastic recycling – in combined recycling pickup each week.

## Commentary: Banning plastic bags means bruised groceries

By Yunqing Chen

Silicon Valley Community Newspapers Posted: 03/01/2012 08:04:03 PM PST

Since plastic bags have been banned in local supermarkets, I've been returning home with bruised groceries in even more bruised bags. I'm not alone; most of my friends and their parents have been adjusting poorly to coming home with shaky armfuls instead of bagfuls of groceries.

While conserving the environment should be paramount to being inconvenienced, I can't help but think there's a better option, especially considering the holes in this one.

The plastic bag ban states that in San Jose retail stores, single-use plastic bags are not provided, but customers can pay 10 cents extra per paper bag or go bagless. This, ideally, should push customers to use reusable bags, but as testament to the human condition, I am too lazy and resort to lugging my groceries through the back door.

What's really unfortunate about this situation is the fact that this ill-timed government intervention has little standing on reducing littering. More prevalent than a couple stray plastic bags are litter like newspapers and fast-food joint packaging. Plastic bags make up such a negligible amount of the littering problem, and banning them causes troublesome inconveniences that could be remedied if environmentalists targeted their intentions toward a problem more deserving of their attention.

Furthermore, the other option--paper bags--has been protested in the past by environmentalists in favor of saving trees. With the plastic bag ban, not only are customers being inconvenienced, but the "viable," government-supported option of using paper bags is equally environmentally detrimental.

The long-term benefits of banning plastic bags, whatever they may be, do not take into account the inevitable shortcomings that come from paper bags, and a lack of action taken to prevent more important litter and landfill problems.

Nearly everybody I know reuses plastic bags as garbage bags, lunch sacks, for cleaning up after their dogs, etc.--the list goes on and on. What this law represents to me is legislature for the sake of legislature--a bigger government intervention just because.

This law does not make anyone's life easier. Similar to banking companies that charge extra for using the ATM, or media-streaming companies that charge extra for the same service, this ban provides no net improvement.

If the problem targeted is littering, then it is those laws that should be enforced. I notice that when I go shopping, the only consistency is the overflowing trash bin. In order to prevent littering, the current laws should be more strictly enforced, requiring trash bins to be maintained regularly and kept clean at all times. Singling out one item and addressing only said item is a perfect way to circumvent the real issue.

The decisionmakers behind this one should be focusing on more effective ways to increase public safety, lower crime rates and fix the budget, not banning plastic bags at the supermarket.

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March 19, 2012

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Administrative Services Committee  
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RE: Proposed Corvallis Plastic Bag Ordinance – Implementation Cost Issues

Dear ASC Members:

I represent the Mary's Peak Chapter of Sierra Club in its efforts to have the City of Corvallis pass an ordinance prohibiting the use of single-use plastic bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags. I have been asked by my client to respond to a number of criticisms concerning the draft Ordinance and its implementation.

At the outset, the ASC should recognize that instituting a merely "voluntary" approach (combined with recycling programs) will not reduce consumer use of plastic bags. Numerous studies demonstrate that a voluntary model of bag reduction fails to actually influence consumer behavior. *See, e.g.*, "Voluntary Plastic Bag Reductions Don't Work" by Bill Hickman. This failure is directly related to the exceptional difficulty in monitoring and measuring whether such an approach actually achieves its goals. For instance, the City would need to expend significant financial resources on, among other things, establishing a plan, hiring (or redirecting already hired) personnel to poll consumers and affected retail establishments, and using staff or an outside consulting firm to statistically analyze the results of such polling. Businesses themselves may also be subjected to costs, as whatever plan is established may require retail establishments to monitor how many plastic bags are distributed or to conduct polling in-store. In the end, "voluntary approaches" and recycling programs will result in *more* direct costs to the City and businesses than other approaches. Such a plan should be rejected outright.

Indeed, it is for these reasons that the "ban & pass-through cost" model contained in the draft Ordinance has been successful. *See, e.g.*, City of San Francisco Ordinance. These types of legislation accomplish the dual goals of banning single-use plastic bags and promoting environmentally-friendly reusable carryout bags.

The chief criticism of the Ordinance proposed by my client is that the ban & pass-through cost model will require the City to expend significant resources in implementation and enforcement. This is simply untrue. Ordinances like the one being considered are straightforward "pass & regulate" laws – they put the onus on the businesses being regulated to come into compliance or face the consequences of

enforcement. Thus, the cost of implementing the Ordinance will be nothing more than the costs typical of passing any other ordinance.

Enforcement costs, as described in the Ordinance, are self-funding. The penalty of violating the Ordinance is measured by the time spent by a city employee investigating and prosecuting the violation multiplied by \$75. For instance, if an employee spends 1.7 hours on a complaint, then the penalty owed to the City will be \$127.50 (1.7 X \$75). It is understood that enforcement of the Ordinance will primarily be complaint-based, such that City personnel would simply need to follow-up on a citizen complaint to determine whether a violation has occurred. This means that the City will not require an independent "code enforcer" as it pertains to the Ordinance.

Alternatively, the City could recoup costs incurred as a result of enacting the Ordinance by slightly modifying the pass-through cost provisions. For instance, some portion of the pass-through costs could be designated to fund the Ordinance. This approach, however, is not favored by the business community. Most companies are hesitant to bear the costs of accounting for this approach, as special systems must be put in place to measure how much money will be distributed to the City. Furthermore, this approach needlessly increases the actual costs of implementation on the City's part, as it must determine how it will collect its portion of the pass-through cost.

It must finally be noted that the City retains the ability to grant exemptions to affected retail establishments under the draft Ordinance. If a business can demonstrate "undue hardship," then it may be excluded from the Ordinance for a period of one year. The Ordinance specifically defines "undue hardship" as including (1) circumstances unique to the business such that there are no reasonable alternatives to single use plastic bags; (2) circumstances unique to the business such that the pass-through cost cannot reasonably be collected; or (3) any other circumstances unique to the business that justify the exemption. This exemption process ensures that the City can fairly implement the Ordinance without putting too much pressure on Corvallis' small businesses.

Overall, the cost of passing and implementing the proposed Ordinance is minimal. If you would like to discuss these matters with me further, I would be happy to meet with you at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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**Option 1: Ban on plastic with pass-through fee on paper**

The fee would stay with the retailer to offset the cost of shifting to paper bags.  
 The pass-through fee would not be required for businesses with fewer than 25 employees

<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons (turned into Pros)</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Research shows this is the most effective of our three options.	Corvallis has the opportunity to pass an ordinance that is a model for a state-wide bill.	Corvallis has the opportunity to learn from Portland and other Cities who have banned plastic.
Reduces visual pollution	It will be complaint-monitored and regulated, education efforts can be a combined effort with non-profits, stores, other groups. Portland is doing this.	Banning plastic checkout bags is what cities eventually turn to after they try voluntary or "recycle" options.
Changes over-consumptive behavior	Some small retailers will have problems. Can ask for exemption. CIBA or other stores can order bags in bulk.	
Cuts back on use of non-renewable fossil fuel resource used to produce plastic bags.	May be an incentive for commuters to shop in "green" Corvallis. Marketing opportunity.	
Makes consumer more aware of problems of single-use plastics in general.	Broadens retailer and customer choice through different reusable bag options. Now, plastic is predominant choice.	
	Perceived to be tax by small percentage of people. It is now a hidden cost. Pass-through cost will show what's already there.	
	It will be an incentive to change	
	Some small businesses will have problems. Can ask for exemption. CIBA or other stores can order bags in bulk.	
	If applied to all it gives an even playing field. However some small businesses will need help.	
	Potential opportunity for non-resident community to experience a responsible way of shopping, and that Corvallis lives up to green image.	
	Enforcement does not cost Corvallis. Fine can match the enforcement cost, or come from pass-through fee percentage.	



March 21, 2012

To whom it may concern,

EcNow Tech is a Corvallis based company which develops and manufactures environmentally friendly, plant based, plastic products. EcNow Tech has followed the proposed ordinance to eliminate single use plastic bags used in grocery stores and would like to present the following perspectives on the proposed ban:

The carbon footprint on a single use petroleum bag is significant given the fact that a non-renewable resource, oil, must be pumped from the ground, shipped long distances before it is converted to plastic pellets and finally a single use bag. The final resting place for many of the bags is a landfill where they are entombed for thousands of years or as litter on the ground or waterways.

EcNow Tech supports changing the current process which has a large carbon footprint and utilizes a non-renewable resource. Of the options being considered we would have the following opinion:

Recycling of existing bags:

Recycling is a valid proposal only if the collection rate is acceptable and if the materials are truly recycled and converted to useful products with as small a carbon footprint as possible. We would urge the community to understand the facts and the reality of how many bags could truly be re-claimed for recycling versus the amount which would still go to the landfill or end up as litter. Once the bags are collected what is the process for recycling? Do the bags have to be shipped long distances to the east coast for re-pelletizing and re-manufacture? Is there truly a market for the recycled material and can it be re-processed into more bags? Does this increase the carbon footprint because of the long shipment path and does it even make business sense? If it does not make business sense then the collected materials will be simply sent to a landfill.

Replacing single use bags with re-useable bags:

Grocery store bags do not comprise a portion of EcNow Tech's business today. EcNow Tech would support the re-usable bag effort for grocery stores, although it is our belief that some segment of customers/business owners (shop keepers and restaurants) will always request the convenience of a single use take-out bag.

EcNow Tech's vision for the future:

The plant based polymer industry is in its infancy. It sits where the petroleum plastics industry was fifty years ago. EcNow Tech, Oregon State University and Corvallis could potentially be a center for biopolymer material and product development. EcNow Tech would request that the Corvallis City Council and community support efforts which focus on sustainability, lowest carbon footprint and a community based approach to business.

EcNow Tech is working on some exciting material developments which could enable products made from bio-polymers which are denser than sea water and break down anaerobically (not in the presence of oxygen) in the sediments at the bottom of a waterway or ocean. This is important to single use bags as potentially a bag could be developed in the future which is plant based and is composted or recycled locally into new bags. In the event that bag went to a landfill or a waterway it would break down with anaerobic bacteria in years versus thousands of years. It is not a solution EcNow Tech could offer today, but is a possibility for the future. EcNow Tech is also actively working Oregon State students and faculty to develop biopolymers of the future.

In conclusion, EcNow Tech supports the elimination of petroleum based, single use bags from grocery stores. We urge the community and city council to ensure that all the facts are available regarding whether a truly effective recycling strategy can be developed. A poorly devised recycling plan may not solve the problem and could create new problems. Replacing petroleum plastic bags with paper bags appears to be shifting the problem and is not a true solution in EcNow Tech's opinion. We support the use of replaceable bags in grocery outlets with the caveat that our customers (shop keepers and restaurants) will continue to insist on using single use bags. EcNow Tech believes that the single use bags should be plant based and compostable for all non-grocery applications but we do support consumers who choose to use re-useable bags.

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