



MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA
CITY OF LONG BEACH

May 1, 2018

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5072
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 1335 (Allen): Solid Waste: Disposable Food Service Packaging: State Agencies and Large State Facilities

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I write to support SB 1335 (Allen). This bill would enact the Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018. As of January 1, 2021, the Act would prohibit a food service facility in a state agency or facility such as a state park or state beach, from dispensing prepared food to a customer using disposable food service packaging unless the type of disposable food service is suitably recovered for recycling or composting at a rate of 75% or more. This bill is in line with the City of Long Beach's efforts to reduce single-use packaging in our City.

Long Beach has made it a priority to reduce single-use packaging in our City, first by banning single-use plastic bags in 2011, and most recently by banning polystyrene to benefit our community and environment. On April 17, 2018, the Long Beach City Council unanimously approved a local ordinance to phase in a ban on polystyrene products over the course of the next 18 months. Long Beach's ordinance prohibits the use of single-use food and beverage containers made of expanded polystyrene foam, rigid polystyrene #6, as well as non-recyclable food and beverage containers.

SB 1335 is consistent with the City's environmental values. Long Beach appreciates that SB 1335 does not prohibit a city or county from adopting and enforcing more expansive single-use-take-out food ordinances, regulations, or policies than that proposed by this Act.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach strongly supports SB 1335 (Allen).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Robert Garcia".

Mayor Robert Garcia
City of Long Beach