



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

June 28, 2018

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

**RE: Support for Senate Bill 1335 (Allen): Solid Waste: Food Service Packaging: State Agencies: Facilities, and Property.**

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 (Act). As of January 1, 2021, the Act would prohibit a food service facility in a state-owned facility, such as a state park or state beach, from dispensing prepared food to a customer using food service packaging unless the packaging appears on a list of acceptable packaging to be published online by the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery. 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,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Speaker Anthony Rendon, State Assembly  
The Honorable Steven Bradford, State Senate, 35th District  
The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33rd District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34th District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64th District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70th District