



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

February 14, 2018

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

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Mayor

**RE: SB 705 (Allen) Expanded Polystyrene Food Containers  
NOTIFICATION OF SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Allen,

*Tony Kranz*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is in support of SB 705 (Allen), which seeks to ban polystyrene food containers in California. Your bill would phase out takeout food packaging that cannot be either recycled or composted in the communities where it is distributed.

*Tasha Boerner Horvath*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is a coastal community, and we are aware of the impacts of polystyrene in the ocean and on the beach. In 2016, the City Council adopted Encinitas Municipal Code Chapter 11.27 banning food providers from using disposable food service ware made of polystyrene.

Litter from single-use plastic such as foam plastic degrades neighborhoods, accumulates in landscaping, and is a common eye-sore on beaches and shorelines. It has negative impacts on water quality. It is ingested by marine wildlife, causing illness and death, and carrying pollutants that bio-accumulate up the food chain.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas has a legislative priority of supporting a state-wide expanded polystyrene ban. For this, and the reasons stated above, the City of Encinitas supports SB 705 (Allen).

Sincerely,

*Joe Mosca*  
Council Member

Catherine S. Blakespear  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

cc: Senator Patricia Bates  
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
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