



City of Encinitas *City Council's Office*

June 21, 2022

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Assemblymember Luz Rivas, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 54 (Allen) – Plastic Pollution Prevention and Packaging Producer Responsibility Act - SUPPORT.

Joe Mosca
Deputy Mayor

Dear Chair Rivas,

The City of Encinitas supports Senate Bill 54 (Allen), which would make a significant reduction in the amount of single-use plastic pollution. This legislation would require a measurable reduction in single-use plastic packaging and food ware, which addresses the problem at its source.

Kellie Shay Hinze
Council Member

With no recyclable value to single-use plastics and public confusion about their disposal, a reduction at the source is the most efficient means of reducing plastic pollution and the unfortunate harm experienced by communities.

Tony Kranz
Council Member

Every year, 11 million metric tons of plastic enters our ocean from land-based sources and much of this is single use, designed to be discarded once the product has been used/consumed. By 2030, greenhouse gas emissions from plastic production are expected to reach 1.3 billion tons, which is the equivalent to 300 coal-fired power plants. We cannot solve our global climate crises without addressing unnecessary single-use plastic.

Joy Lyndes
Council Member

The City of Encinitas has already demonstrated a commitment to reducing harmful plastics in recognition of their harmful effects to our coast, which is so valuable to our way of life. A mandate for producers to shift operations to include responsible packaging is the best method of protecting our environment, combating global warming, and moving society to a zero-waste model of disposal. For these reasons, the City of Encinitas is in support of SB 54.

Sincerely,

Pamela Antil
City Manager

Catherine Blakespear
Mayor