

City Attorney

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 33339 C.M.S.

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**RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA SENATE BILL (SB) 568 (LOWENTHAL), WHICH WOULD BAN RESTAURANTS AND ALL OTHER FOOD VENDORS FROM SERVING PREPARED FOOD IN POLYSTYRENE FOAM CONTAINERS.**

**WHEREAS**, polystyrene foam litter pollutes waterways, storm drains and marine estuaries; and

**WHEREAS**, styrene, a component of polystyrene, is a known hazardous substance that medical evidence and the Food and Drug Administration suggests leaches from polystyrene containers into food and drink; and

**WHEREAS**, styrene is now detectable in the fat tissue of every man, woman and child in the US according to EPA studies; and

**WHEREAS**, polystyrene foam is a common environmental pollutant as well as a non-biodegradable substance that is commonly used in food packaging; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City Council adopted Resolution No. 12747 C.M.S. banning the use of polystyrene foam packaging to serve prepared food in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2006 the City Council passed Resolution No. 80286 C.M.S. adopting the Zero Waste Strategic Plan, which calls for bans on problem materials; now, therefore be it

**WHEREAS**, SB 568 (Lowenthal) would ban food vendors from dispensing prepared food in polystyrene foam packaging; and

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland declares its support for SB 568 (Lowenthal); and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council hereby directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for enacting SB 568 with the California State Legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 3 2011, 20    

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

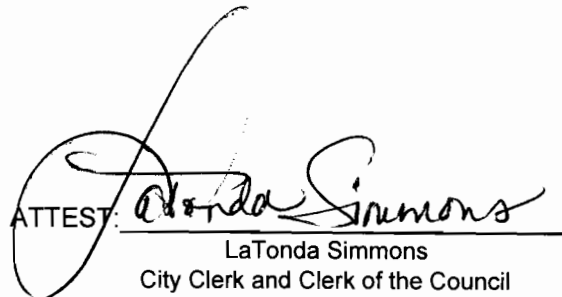
AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, ~~WELLS~~, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT REID - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Kaplan - 1

ATTEST:   
LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California