



TOWN OF FAIRFAX

STAFF REPORT

March 4, 2020

TO: Mayor and Town Council

FROM: Michele Gardner, Town Clerk

SUBJECT: Authorize Mayor to send letters in support of SB 54 and AB 1080 California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize Mayor Goddard to send letters in support of Senate Bill 54 (Allen) and Assembly Bill 1080 (Gonzalez).

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Coler asked that this item be added to the agenda. If the Council approves this item, staff will work with Mayor Goddard to send a letter to both the State Senate and House on behalf of the Town Council. The letter will be similar to the attached letter template provided by the League of California Cities. Below is the League's summary of the two bills.

SB 54 (Allen) and AB 1080 (Gonzalez) are identical bills that direct the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to establish a comprehensive framework to address plastic pollution and waste by:

- Adopting regulations by January 1, 2024 that require producers, which includes the people who manufacture single-use packaging or priority single use products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030.
 - “Single-use packaging” means the packaging of a product when the packaging is routinely recycled, disposed of, or discarded after its contents have been used or unpackaged, and is typically not refilled.
 - “Priority single-use plastic products” are defined as single-use food service ware, including plates, bowls, cups, utensils, stirrers, and straws.
- Requiring producers to source reduce single-use packaging and priority single-use products to the maximum extent feasible.
- Requiring producers to make single-use packaging and priority single-use products recyclable or compostable by 2030.
- Developing criteria, via an implementation plan with stakeholder input, to determine which packaging materials qualify to be labeled as recyclable or compostable. This implementation plan will also include the development of incentives and policies to encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California as a way to shift towards a more circular economy.

FISCAL IMPACT: N/a

ATTACHMENT: letter template

[Date]

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.
Notice of SUPPORT (*As Amended 9/09/19*)

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The Town of Fairfax is pleased to **Support** AB 1080 (Gonzalez), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. This bill directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations before January 1, 2024 that require producers, which includes the people who manufacture single-use packaging or priority single-use products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030.

AB 1080 also requires CalRecycle, by January 1, 2023 and before the adoption of regulations, to finalize an implementation plan that will be comprised of extensive outreach with stakeholders, including local governments. This will give local governments a voice in the creation of the forthcoming regulations to address potential implementation challenges.

Additionally, the implementation plan includes developing incentives and policies to maximize and encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California. Developing these incentives will address the lack of recycling markets in California, as recyclable materials once shipped overseas are now piling up with nowhere to go.

Cities and towns like ours have dedicated significant time and resources to develop and implement their recycling programs and want to ensure town recycling programs continue to be successful. AB 1080 will help local governments recycle more materials, throw less waste into landfills, and advance towards meeting statewide solid waste and recycling goals. The Town of Fairfax is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds your leadership on this issue.

For these reasons, the Town of Fairfax **Supports** AB 1080.

Sincerely,

RENEE GODDARD
MAYOR, TOWN OF FAIRFAX

cc: Your Senator & Assembly Member
Nancy Hall Bennett, League Regional Public Affairs Manager (via email)
League of California Cities (via email: cityletters@cacities.org)

ATTACHMENT