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Stopwaste.Org
Alameda County Waste Management Authority
and Source Reduction and Recycling Board
1537 Webster Street
Oakland, CA 94612

Re: Proposed Single Use Bag Ordinance

Dear Chair Wile and Members of the Board:

The City of Albany City Council would like to express its support for Stopwaste.Org's development of a single use bag ordinance. The City of Albany is committed to promoting a "greener" Albany, and we believe that a single use bag ordinance would help further our sustainability goals, including creation of a zero waste community. We respect the leadership role Stopwaste.Org has taken regarding the issue of single use bags, and we appreciate the opportunity to establish a countywide ordinance that may serve all jurisdictions within Alameda County.

Like many jurisdictions, the City of Albany is mandated by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board via the Municipal Regional Stormwater National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to minimize litter that could otherwise enter our storm drain system and local waterways. Based on our recent analysis during cleanup events, single use bags - particularly plastic bags, are one of the more prevalent sources of litter. It is our hope that establishing an ordinance that minimizes distribution of single use bags will prove effective at decreasing this litter source.

Thank you for supporting the interests of the City of Albany to promote sustainability throughout our region.

Sincerely,

Farid Javandel
Mayor

The City of Albany is dedicated to maintaining its small town ambience, responding to the needs of a diverse community, and providing a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.



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