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I encourage the City of Saint Paul to support a smooth transition for our community businesses owners by financially supporting creative ways to comply with the ordinance, including support for investments (i.e. dishwashers, reusable plates), organizing cooperative buying of compostable and recyclable products, and providing education and support for sourcing and purchasing by supporting the collaboration between organizations, distributors, and businesses.

Thank you,

Kristen Klemann

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Carol Buche @ 910 Ivy Ave East is in full support of "Sustainable To Go" ordinance.

Amy Brendmoen,

Please support the Sustainable To Go Ordinance. It is important that we make these moves toward earth friendly living.

Thank You

Donna Savage

1095 Kilburn St.

Saint Paul, MN

From: Ann Lemke [<mailto:aml1973@comcast.net>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 9:22 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Ban on to-go restaurant packaging

Good morning, Jane -- I am asking that you please reject the proposed to-go packaging ban. It makes more sense to improve local recycling instead. Thank you!!

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9/15/17 Stephanie Clausen (Hawthorn/Earl) left message to say she is very much in support of TO GO Ordinance!

9/19/17 John Bidon @ 1415 Arlington Avenue East called the Ward 6 office today to ask for CM Bostrom's help in protecting St Paul businesses. The added expense of sustainable To Go items will add to businesses many regulations and is not good for businesses.

9/17/17 Jane LeRoux @ 1751 Ivy Avenue East called to ask CM Bostrom to reject the Sustainable To Go ordinance.

9/19/17 Gary Martinson @ 1711 Rose Ave E would like CM Bostrom to vote NO to the To Go packaging. He is astounded at the number of restrictions and regulations that small businesses have to endure in St Paul and wonders if the council is trying to get small businesses out of St Paul.

Kathy Costello – called re: large ad in today's Pioneer Press that large corporations don't want to go packaging banned and saying it does not hurt environment. Kathy commented that it absolutely does hurt the environment and should be banned.

Jim Barr – 1335 Scheffer – Just received flyer signed by Mancini and Cossetta re: 'to go' packaging. Leave businesses alone. Let them do things the way they want. He's against the ban.

From: Philip Jacobs [<mailto:sbocajpilihp@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 10:02 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Restaurant Packaging Ordinance

Chris,

While I appreciate the goals of constraining the types of containers restaurants use for takeout food, I have some concerns about this type of ordinance.

Observing how poor compliance is for recycling even simple things, like water bottles and soda cans, it appears that only single source, mixed recycling is feasible for this.

There is confusion even in restaurants, about what can be recycled, what is compostable, what is trash. Once customers walk out the door and use other containers it is totally up in the air.

Keeping trash off of the street is a primary concern, regardless of the container.

Preserving the food (preventing leakage, etc.) is another type of waste to avoid.

Please be sure that any ordinance allows acceptable options for all types of food. And be sure to have the 'back end' in place (collection, composting facilities, recycled material markets, small business compliance assistance, etc.) before imposing this type of regulation.

Philip Jacobs

1557 Goodrich Ave

Saint Paul, MN. 55105

Dan

Just finished reading the article from KSTP Channel 5 News about “The city of St. Paul is looking to ban businesses from using food containers that cannot be recycled, composted or reused.” Thank you for saying that now isn’t the time for a container ban. I agree with you, we need to help the businesses that are trying to work in our city and not put another roadblock in their way.

Please let you fellow council members know, at the meeting tonight, that citizens of this great city want our leaders to work for economic growth and that isn’t done by making how they do business harder.

Way to go Dan!!!

Flaa, Joe {PBC} joe.flaa@pepsico.com

Diane Budseen lives in St Paul and thinks ‘to go’ ordinance is a mistake and urges CM Tolbert to reject the proposal.

Don Coffey called urging CM Tolbert to reject the ‘to go packaging’ proposal.

Betty and Bob Herzog @ 1105 Hawthorne Ave E are not in favor of changes to Sustainable To Go – they like it the way it was before the changes were made.

Ruth (Ward 6 resident) is against the TO GO containers because of how it will affect local businesses.

From: Mike Brady [<mailto:mikeb55102@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 1:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-

StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Menthol & Carry Out containers

I could probably do the research on what your platforms were when campaigning for this office. I highly doubt that *cigarettes* and *carry out* food containers were on any of your agendas that you publicly spoke about. You now seem to have your own private agendas as well as those of big lobby organizations. You are now stepping all over small business owners on proposals that will do no good too anyone. Menthol cigarettes will always be available and the ban on certain food containers will result in nothing except stepping on small businesses. Where, may I ask ,did your constituents cry out for banning menthol cigarettes.

Our streets are a disgrace, our public schools are nothing more than large 'day care' facilities, students are failing to meet minimum standards, you are spending beyond our means, you are raising taxes on all residents and business owners, etc. You are a group of shameful politicians exercising delusional moral superiority and attempting to control personal choice. The health groups that are petitioning you are the same ones that are writing prescriptions for opioids. And you want to ban menthol cigs?!! Preposterous.

You are failing to meet the standards of guiding this city in the manner in which you were elected. Your are representing yourselves, not your constituents.

Mike Brady

From: John Wheeler [<mailto:j.wheelman@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 1:14 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; ward7@ci.st.paul.mn.us; publisher@pioneerpress.com
Subject: New ordinances, old ordinances, et al.

Elected Officials:

I write to express my thoughts on several topics, as follows:

- no bans on to-go packaging for restaurants, cafes, or any other businesses. Needless rule.
- no ban on menthol or other flavored tobacco products being sold in venues other than what is currently allowed.
- no more money spent on bikeways, bike lanes, trails, crosswalks, etc. For far too long, the vocal minority has somehow convinced you to spend tax dollars on these idiotic projects.
- no more money spent on push-button posts at controlled intersections. Again, a waste of tax dollars.

I could continue with so many incompetent actions of you as council and Coleman as mayor, but have work to do to be able to afford the taxes you impose. I do support a ban on fag flags being flown on the city flagposts, esp. the Wabasha Street bridge and do call for you to remove all declarations that St. Paul is "America's Most Livable City," as, clearly, it is not.

To-Go Packaging Public Comments

James Robbinson, 19XX 4th Street, Stop this foolishness of the City Council dealing with recycling and trash. We don't need to recycle. Fixing the roads is what you should focus on.

Grace Schmit, 11XX South Winthrop – Opposed to city involvement in regulating the type of packaging a business uses. This is a government over reach. The City website states it is “a fantastic place to do business.” Regulating small matters, such as packaging, is not an indication that this is true.

Donald, ward 7- why do you need to change the to-go containers. You should figure out something else. Don't make it more expensive for businesses and customers.

Virginia and Bill McDonald – 1169 Edgumbe – Reject the To Go Packaging – don't put that burden on the business owners who are already struggling. They do not need the additional costs it will incur for their restaurants/businesses. And it will not help the Earth at all.

Marlone Cones – In opposition of ban on to go packaging.

Pat and Tony Connolly – 2055 Norfolk – Against the food packaging ordinance

Mary Sue Barry – Lives on Montreal – Vote against the to go ordinance

Lori Korte – Vote NO to the to go packaging. Look at better recycling.

Sandra McFarland – Vote against the to go packaging

Nell (Ward 6 constituent) called to say vote NO to the TO GO packaging.

Anita (Ward 6 constituent) called to say she is AGAINST the TO GO packaging ordinance.

Charlene Mortel (Ward 6 constituent) called to say she is AGAINST the TO GO ordinance.

Francis Swenson is AGAINST Food packaging ordinance.

Paul Wagner @ 665 Wells is AGAINST food packaging ordinance.

Fred LeBlanc @ 658 Arlington Avenue says vote NO on Food Packaging.

William Hill @ 1028 E Rose Avenue would like CM Bostrom to vote NO on sustainable TO GO packaging.

Debbie Drange @ 1515 Ivy Avenue E would like CM Bostrom to vote NO on sustainable TO GO packaging.

Earnest Taylor @ 1968 Hawthorne Ave E would like CM Bostrom to vote NO on sustainable TO GO packaging.

Ghass Mends @ 1953 Nevada Avenue E would like CM Bostrom to vote NO on sustainable TO GO packaging.

From: Rolf Nordstrom [<mailto:rolfnordstrom1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, September 24, 2017 9:32 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4
Subject: STRONGLY SUPPORT your proposed "GreenToGo" initiative!

Hello Russ,

First, a huge thank you for your service in general. People don't say that enough to elected officials and what you do is so important (and often thankless). So thanks! Second, I was thrilled to read about your GreenToGo proposal. There are so many market alternatives now that it's time to make packaging that is in line with a more circular economy the norm.

Finally, I want to express my support for the Ford Plan. I realize it's caused quite a stir, but using that urban land to its fullest potential is a once-in-several-generations opportunity. Thanks for your leadership!

Cheers,

Rolf

Rolf Nordstrom
1706 Dayon Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55104

Dear St. Paul Council Members,

While well intentioned, the proposal for restaurant to-go packaging needs to be put on hold for a few years until we are up and running with composting. To ask people to switch to compostable products while not having a way to compost commercially is quite silly. I am an environmentalist, recycle everything I can, and was in charge of 2 miles of highway clean-up for 10 years, so you can see I am active and don't just talk about it.

Right now, I can take a plastic container home and reuse it for a week or two before it might crack and get recycled. A fiber container will sit in my refrigerator for 1 day and then get tossed in the garbage. We must

reduce, reuse, and recycle. Composting will be fine when it is commercially viable on a large scale in our city. Until then, it is actually a step backward.

Thank you,
Scott Van
St. Paul, Mn

Mary Lindquist @ 1870 E Idaho Avenue is AGAINST To Go changes.

Caller left voicemail with no name or address asking CM Bostrom to vote NO on To Go and said we need better recycling and composting before they require these changes.

Lynne DeVallier @ 1132 Cook Avenue E is AGAINST the changes in the TO GO ordinance.

Hello,

My name is Alicia Hinze and I am the Owner of The Buttered Tin in Lowertown, St. Paul. I received the letter that there will be a public hearing in regards to Plastic Packaging. I am writing to let you know that I am an advocate of having all to-go packaging be truly recyclable and/or compostable. Here at The Buttered Tin all of our packaging is truly recyclable and/or compostable. We actually opened 4 years ago and have had this packaging since we opened. I am writing because I cannot be at the meeting on Oct. 4th but I would like my opinion to be known that I believe that having truly recyclable and/or compostable packaging is extremely important to our industry. As well as composting in EVERY restaurant.
Thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Alicia Hinze
Owner
alicia@thebutteredtin.com
www.thebutteredtin.com

From: magn0042 University of Minnesota [<mailto:magn0042@umn.edu>]

Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 12:34 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: banning plastic foam takeout containers & cups

Hello Councilmember Tolbert,

I hope you vote for banning plastic foam containers and cups that cannot be recycled, composted, or reused. I just got a phone call from 507-262-2284 and the woman on the line said the ban would not help the environment. I assume this is a business trying to spread misinformation about the ban. I think switching to compostable and recyclable takeout materials would be good for our city.

Thank You For Your Time,
Kathy Magne
1989 Wellesley Avenue
Saint Paul

From: Yong Yia Vang [<mailto:yongyiavang@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, September 26, 2017 2:37 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Cc: Yia Vang

Subject: Foam Ban

Dear Council Members,

Attached please find a letter and signature for your review and consideration regarding my request for your consideration of finding alternative solution to the City Council's hearing for foam ban. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Regards,

Yong Yia Vang

CEO

Hmong Village Shopping Center

1001 Johnson Park Way

St. Paul, MN 55106

ATTACHMENT:



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September 22, 2017

St. Paul City Council Members
310 City Hall
15 Kellogg Blvd. West
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Members of the Council,

As an owner and shareholder of the Hmong Village Shopping Center, a local shopping center catering services to the Hmong and other minority communities on the east side of St. Paul, located at 1001 Johnson Park Way, St. Paul, MN; I am concerned about the plan to conduct listening sessions throughout the City to consider banning various food service materials including Polystyrene foam. The banning idea will harm our local businesses such as restaurants and other food service businesses in general.

Hmong Village Shopping Center houses hundreds of retail vendors and many of them are specialty groceries and kitchens. Our vendors are small family owned business. They work very hard, most of the time long hours, and the profit margin is very small. A ban, in any form would have a negative economic effect on these kitchens and grocery stores, and other businesses and institutions in the City.

Many Hmong restaurant and grocery store owners in the St. Paul area who utilize Polystyrene foam prefer it to alternatives for its cost-effectiveness and its durability. If foam were banned in St. Paul, it would have to be replaced with more expensive alternatives that are just not as dependable. As a result, restaurant and small businesses owners would either have to pay up for more expensive products or increase prices for their customers.

There is a much more feasible alternative to banning polystyrene foam. Focusing the efforts on recycling the material rather than banning it is much more productive. Polystyrene foam is already recycled in areas all across the country and recycled polystyrene is used in products like smoke detectors, surfboards, rulers, crown molding, and garden nursery trays. And, as a thermoplastic, polystyrene foam can be recycled many times over.

As a business leader, I feel it is imperative that you consider shifting the focus from a ban to the logical alternative to recycling.

Attached is a signature sheet of all businesses housed inside the Hmong Village Shopping Center.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Yong Yia Vang

CEO

From: Pat Mancini [<mailto:patmancini@integra.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:59 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1-7
Subject: FW: Oct 4 2017 Hearing on Plastic
From: Pat Mancini [<mailto:patmancini@integra.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:56 PM
To: Rebecca Noecker <rebeccanoecker@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Oct 4 2017 Hearing on Plastic
From: Pat Mancini [<mailto:patmancini@integra.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:50 PM
To: 'Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us.' <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us.>
Subject: FW: Oct 4 2017 Hearing on Plastic
From: Pat Mancini [<mailto:patmancini@integra.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 27, 2017 2:47 PM
To: 'Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us.' <Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us.>
Subject: Oct 4 2017 Hearing on Plastic

Please see the attachment for reading at Oct 4 council meeting.

Any question please give me a call at 612-741-1098.

I did not see this on the agenda and would like you to see my letter.

Best regards

Pat Mancini



September 26, 2017

The Mancini family has owned and operated Mancini's Bar and Charhouse for seventy years. We provide good business, a solid tax base, and union employment for over 80 people who live in and around the St. Paul Area. We are proud to be a restaurant tradition in St. Paul. We ask that you please oppose the proposed food packaging ordinance. The Ordinance would do excessive damage to the restaurant industry in St. Paul.

The proposed ban on foam take-out containers and black plastic recyclables is not a zero-waste solution. The ban is strictly focused on our industry. You legislate against the small business while you exempt larger businesses. The big box stores, with their prepackaged frozen meals, produce thousands of meal containers. Consumers dispose these into the trash weekly in almost every office, business and employee lunchroom in the City of St. Paul, and yet you exempt this industry completely.

In 70 years as a family business owner we have worked with countless Mayors and City Councils and we have been a happy partner with our city government. But this latest round of ordinances has created a

huge disconnect between the City Council and our industry. Restaurant owners in our city should be supported for the contributions we make to our community, but we feel we are under attack by St. Paul with new ordinances covering everything from mandatory benefits, to minimum wage increases and shouldering the costs of more expensive garbage.

This ordinance is nothing more than feel good legislation; to follow Minneapolis, with an ordinance here that is as prejudicial as it was there. The ban will not reduce or eliminate waste. We must replace these containers with something else, at a greater cost with even more packaging. The foam containers and black plastic are a simple solution, one unit; food loaded, closed... done. It mostly eliminates bags, and multiple containers for multiple foods. This is an attempt again to force a change in a single industry, with a minimal impact on polluting or waste. The regulations will continue to load unneeded administrative cost, squander enforcement dollars and ultimately cost restaurant owners, employees and customer (guests) more money.

The restaurant industry has been largely left out of the discussion. Wouldn't it be better to work together to find a solution; and recycle our current disposables? Increased regulation has cost us business due to the increased cost passed on to our customers. Mancini's has lost groups, and banquets when they have chosen to host their gatherings elsewhere due to increase cost passed on to customers in St. Paul. Please oppose this discriminatory packaging ban and work with us to find solutions. Our industry is committed to help provide a clean environment.

Respectfully,
Patrick Mancini

From: Alicia Hinze [<mailto:aliciahinze@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 10:15 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Council

Subject: City Ordinance Chapter 236-Environmental Preservation: Plastic packaging

Hello,

My name is Alicia Hinze and I am the Owner of The Buttered Tin in Lowertown, St. Paul. I received the letter that there will be a public hearing in regards to Plastic Packaging. I am writing to let you know that I am an advocate of having all to-go packaging be truly recyclable and/or compostable. Here at The Buttered Tin all of our packaging is truly recyclable and/or compostable. We actually opened 4 years ago and have had this packaging since we opened.

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Thank you for your time.

Thank you,
Alicia Hinze
Owner

From: Michael Stoick [<mailto:stoick@csp.edu>]

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 11:00 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Are Compostable Products The Answer?

Hi Councilmember Tolbert,

Are Compostable Products The Answer?

I believe the answer is Yes- compostable products are the answer to many of our waste and recycling issues.

Compostable products replace non-recyclable products or products that are hard to recycle especially with food waste residue is on them. Compostable products reduce our environmental impact in production and in the recycling of the product.

I am sure that you have done your research and have found that compostable products and to go containers are better for many many reasons- <https://doitgreen.org/topics/goods-services/are-compostable-products-answer/>

The most important reason to me is that compostable products support both rural and urban farmers and producers in many ways-

1. They are made from plant materials that farmers produce not fossil fuels.
2. They are quickly composted into beautiful black compost that sustainable urban farmers can use to grow more local food and produce for St. Paul.
3. They encourage consumers to also compost food waste and napkins which not only reduces our waste and environmental impact, it further increases the amount of nutrient-rich compost available to farmers and producers.

Please do everything you can to help St. Paul be a more sustainable city by supporting anything that promotes the use of compostable cups, plates, straws, utensils, to go containers.

My family and I do not go to many local restaurants, specifically because of the amount of disposable plasticware and non-compostable containers they use.

Please help lead these businesses and our city to be greener, more compostable, and sustainably productive.

Thank You,

Michael Stoick

2206 Highland Parkway, St. Paul

From: Brandon Long [<mailto:blongstpaul@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 8:24 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Say Yes to the Sustainable to-go Packaging Ordinance

Chris,

Just wanted to send you a quick email letting you know how strongly I support the proposed Sustainable to-go Packaging ordinance. I'm sure this comes as no surprise but I sincerely hope you will be voting in support.

There are no good reasons to avoid becoming a zero waste city and this is a big step in that direction. For the health of our city and it's residents please vote yes and help pass this ordinance.

Sincerely,

Brandon Long

1189 Cleveland Ave S
Saint Paul, MN

From: Tyler Teggatz [<mailto:tylerteggatz@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 7:23 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Compostable and recyclable containers

Council Member Tolbert,

I am writing in support of the proposed ban on non-compostable take out containers. There will always be push back on this issue, and there will always be challenges for businesses implementing changes. These are not good reasons to delay or avoid good environmental policy. As a consumer in St Paul I visit many local businesses and I think it is time to move away from styrofoam packaging.

Thank you,

Tyler Teggatz
2031 Itasca Ave

Kathy Reid - 941 Osceola – Left VM asking how CM Tolbert is voting on the to go packaging and went on to immediately say she supports the ordinance and sees it as very important. Many cities around the country already have this and she hopes you vote for it as well.

Mark Stoick – Called asking CM Tolbert to support to go packaging.

Diane Olkan called and said she has been hoping for this for a long time and urged CM Tolbert to vote in favor of banning to go packaging.

Charles Merck called in support of to go packaging.

Michelle Sheire called urging CM Tolbert to support to go packaging.

A representative of Friends of the Mississippi River called to express support for the ordinance.

From: Paige Guggemos [<mailto:paigeguggemos@icloud.com>]

Sent: Monday, October 02, 2017 4:56 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4

Subject: Thank you for supporting sustainable packaging

"I am in full support of strengthening this ordinance to continue our steady progress in Saint Paul toward stronger solid waste and recycling (and eventually organics!) programs." I agree! Thank you for supporting Sustainable packing. I appreciate forward thinking environmental endeavors and sustainable choices.

- Paige

From: Robert Wales [<mailto:rawales@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 03, 2017 11:34 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; #CI-StPaul_Ward6

Subject: Ordinance 17-29

To City Council Members,

I am writing in favor of of the proposed Sustainable Packaging Ordinance 17-29. Saint Paul should be an example to all of Minnesota and a leader when it comes to environmental issues and making sure that sustainability is a top priority. Banning non-recyclable or non-compostable containers is a step in the right direction for St Paul, state and this country. I hope you will support this ordinance and approve it.

Thank you,
Robert Wales
1727 Race St
Saint Paul, MN 55116

Phone messages:

Constance Gibbs, 9XX Wilson – Streamline, rather than get rid of containers.

Marie Pulido, 3XX Maple Street – the proposed container ordinance is not good. 1. Recycling program is not good, you would make more money. 2. Eliminating containers will be costly to the consumer, restaurant, and employees.

Constance Gibbs, 9XX Wilson – Streamline the recycling program rather than get rid of it

Livia – vote against packaging ordinance

Beverly Voss vote against packaging ordinance.

Jim Rindell – Why is City Council getting involved in private business?

Jane Broland – vote against banning to-go packaging

Email:

-----Original Message-----

From: Sundberg [mailto: @ginkgocoffee.com]
Sent: Monday, September 25, 2017 6:37 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: to go packaging

Hi Jane.

Just a quick note:

I am concerned about hot coffee cups and lids and how they would fall under a new ordinance.

Currently, there are no quality coffee lids that are not "6" in the recycling notation. In Minneapolis, this has been made an exception. Of course, without quality lids that work with quality cups, we are in a situation where the business would drop off dramatically.

We can't really use any compostable lids currently available with a quality cups as they are not designed to work together.

Thanks.
Kathy

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The environment is more important than the "thousands of dollars" that business owners would have to pay to replace their current packaging.

It's hard to believe there isn't an affordable substitute or one that can't be developed within the next year. Perhaps that's what the business owners should be pursuing for the next year.

Then again, as usual, what do I know?

Thank you for your consideration.

Kathleen Lamphere

Carolyn Lemen – Ward 3 resident – Called to say she supports ban on to go packaging, and all should be recyclable.

Camile Feng – Ward 3 resident – Called saying she supports to ban packaging ordinance.

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Alicia Hinze
Owner

Dear Councilor Noecker,

In September 2013, McDonald's partnered with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation ("Healthier Generation") in a global effort to increase customers' access to fruits, vegetables, low-fat dairy, and water options and to help families make informed choices.

The McDonald's- Healthier Generation Partnership includes five commitments related to menu offerings, menu boards, packaging, and advertising directed to children. McDonald's pledged to implement these actions in 20 major markets by 2020. This is an interim report highlighting progress to date. The results show that McDonald's met or exceeded the interim 2016 goals set for each of the five commitments. Additional 2016 findings include:

- 13 of 20 markets featured 37 milk, water, and juice options and zero soda options in the Happy Meal section of menu boards.
- 99% of value meal menu boards used in the 9 of 20 markets listed or pictured a fruit, vegetable, or side salad option as a substitute for fries.
- 12 of 20 markets offered a total of 26 new fruit, vegetable, water, juice, and low-fat dairy side & beverage options in Happy Meals in 2016. Starting in November, McDonald's will include Honest Kids organic apple juice, replacing traditional juice that also contains more sugar.
- On average, 13 of 20 markets dedicated at least one panel of 7 Happy Meal boxes and bags to a fun nutrition or children's well-being message.
- 97% of external ads directed to children across the 8 markets that completely or nearly fulfilled Commitment 5 to include a fun, well-being message.

McDonald's has met, and in some areas exceeded, our first target goals set for 2016 across all markets. We achieved a 9.5 percentage point increase in milk, juice and water selections in Happy Meals from 2013-2016 across 12 markets, and in the U.S there was 10.2 percentage point increase in milk, juice, or water selections from 2013-2016.

To view the entire report, please visit:

<http://corporate.mcdonalds.com/mcd/sustainability/food/alliance-for-a-healthier-generation-partnership.html>

If you would like additional information on this report or any other matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Ian Tolleson
Government Relations Manager
McDonald's U.S. Government Relations

Dani Oulman, 195 Richmond Street, 55102 Oulman called to say that she hopes Noecker votes in favor of the ordinance for the containers.

I am a resident of St. Paul, MN. I urge the Council to vote against the food packaging ordinance.

I do not want restaurant prices to increase (which is what will happen if the food packaging ordinance is passed).

Instead, please consider expanding local recycling capabilities.

Thank you for your consideration.

V. Kuberski