

**From:** Dillon Donnelly [<mailto:dillondonnely4@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 05, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Green to Go Feedback

Nearly 25 percent of the city's residents and 38 percent of the city's children live poverty. If the City Council needs to hear from 'us' on this issue, I think the City Council has exerted enough political capital on garbage-related issues for the year.

Dillon

Mary Davis – Called CM Tolbert's office urging him to support banning to go packaging.

Paul Gustafson – 1619 Berkeley – Called CM Tolbert's office urging him to vote against to go packaging.

Dick Manlan – 2221 Youngman – Called CM Tolbert's office urging him to not pass the packaging requirement.

Kelly Maynard – Called CM Tolbert's office saying she supports banning the packing ordinance; it's a great idea to reduce plastics.

Laurel Nelson @ 715 Geranium Avenue E called to say she is in favor of To Go changes.

Al Paulson called to give his opinion about To Go containers. He feels we have to be very careful about eliminating/changing To Go containers because of the costs involved for restaurants!

**From:** Kelly Maynard [<mailto:keldog@bitstream.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 09, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
**Subject:** To Council Member Tolbert

Dear Councilmember Tolbert: I write in favor of St. Paul's Sustainable To Go Ordinance.

A quick glance around any of our neighborhoods or waterways spots stray pieces of plastic – flying in the air, bunched up on lawns, clogging up sewers, or floating in water. We are slowly drowning in plastic. Not only is plastic trash an unsightly blight, the majority of it ends up in landfills, burned, or in waterways. It chokes animals or is ingested by them. Single-use plastic packaging is difficult and expensive to recycle or re-use. Our best option is to reduce our reliance on it.

Many local businesses, like Mississippi Market, have successfully offered compostable packaging for years, as well as receptacles to collect empties. Others, like Khyber Pass, have

transitioned more recently from polystyrene to compostable packaging. This is a worthwhile and achievable goal.

Please consider supporting the ordinance. It would go a long way in reducing plastic waste and its destructive impact on St. Paul, the Mississippi River, and our global environment. Minneapolis led the way, but St. Paul should do the right thing and follow in its footsteps.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Maynard  
1587 Beechwood

From: Jeffrey Allen [<mailto:jeffrey.s.allen.phd@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Monday, October 09, 2017 3:41 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Vote in favor or the to go packaging ordinance

Hi my name is Jeff Allen 2241 Princeton Ave Please support the ordinance that would require all to-go food packaging distributed within the City's limits to be either reusable, recyclable, or compostable.

It is vital we support Recycling and less waste.

Thank you

Jeff

Jeffrey Allen  
651-202-8441

Carolyn Lemen – Ward 3 resident – called saying she supports a ban on packaging saying all of it should be recyclable.

Autumn Hubbell – 1677 Stanford – Called express hope that CM Tolbert would support the packaging rules for food – will be good for the environment and sustainability.

Tom Crain – Called regarding the ordinance on recycling to go packaging and wants CM Tolbert to support the ordinance.

Mary McCallum called regarding the packaging ordinance urging CM Tolbert to support the ban – we need recyclable packaging.

Green to-go Packaging

Phone calls:

Richard Iverson: 21XX Ross Ave – Approves of green to-go, if residents have to recycle, so should restaurants.

Eric Haugge, 10XX Edmund -supports green to-go packaging.

From: Allison Hoffman [<mailto:allison.hoffman.mn@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 8:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Support sustainable to go containers

Hello, I am writing in support of sustainable packaging in St Paul. Thank you,  
Allison Hoffman 1936 Summit Avenue

From: Peter Mitchell [<mailto:ptmitchell049@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, October 10, 2017 9:28 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Responsible to-go Ware

Hi Mr. Tolbert—As a constituent, I must urge you to support recyclable to-go ware in St Paul, it reduces solid waste and pollution easing public health.

Sincerely,

Peter Mitchell 1448 Berkeley Ave

Sharon McCord – Ward 3 – Called urging CM Tolbert to vote in support of to go packaging. It's important to reduce solid waste.

From: Mathews Hollinshead [<mailto:mathews.hollinshead@me.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2017 9:59 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Sustainable To-Go ordinance

I urge you to vote in favor of the Sustainable To-Go ordinance at today's City Council meeting.

As someone who regularly picks up trash from the Highland Village sidewalks, bus stops and surface parking areas near my house I have grown very frustrated at many of our local businesses and their suppliers who seem not to care about the public areas of the locations where they take my money as their customer.

I'm happy to pay a bit more, if that's what results, in the knowledge that businesses are not selling to-go products to others (I already refuse to buy products in toxic, nonbiodegradable packaging) in nonrecyclable, nonbiodegradable and/or toxic containers.

Of course this is only a small part of the vast change that is needed to eliminate the obscene proliferation of so-called "disposable" packaging that now wraps virtually all carry-out products we consumers buy, much of which ends up either littering or leaching into our common habitat, impossible then to remove. We as a species should be deeply ashamed.

Please vote for this ordinance.

Mathews Hollinshead

2114 Pinehurst Ave.

St. Paul MN 55116

AND

Mr Hollinshead called CM Tolbert at 9:40 AM Wed Oct 11 with same message, hoping he votes in favor of the ordinance.

Chuck Steffel – 291 Syndicate – Left VM at 4:50 pm Tues Oct 10 – Urging CM Tolbert to vote for sustainable packaging – it will be an improvement to our environment.

Scott Van w/ Van Paper Co – Left VM at 5:10 pm Tues 9/10 – Thanked CM Tolbert and the other C/MS for allowing them to speak last week. They have been in business over 100 years, and sell all the items note and urging not to vote for the ordinance. Give composting more time - right now, all of it will be dumped – this needs to be slowed down and reassessed. Don't give business to China.

Kimberly Feilmeyer – left VM at 5:30 pm Tues Oct 10 – Vote yes on the 'to go' – it's a great idea to move toward green direction.

Geoffrey Saign, 1342 Maynard Dr W – left VM at 8:40 pm Tues Oct 10 – Vote for sustainable to go. Heard you're undecided and wants you to vote in favor.

Christina Mattson (sounds like) – Left VM at 10:20 am Wed Oct 11 – re: to go ordinance; vote yes – understands it will be hard for small businesses but it will be rolled out over a year and there will be grants available to help alleviate costs. She has 3 kids and wants to look back knowing you voted on the right side of history.

Kara Lynum – Ward 3 resident - Called 10/11/17 urging CM Tolbert to vote in support of the to go packaging.

Jacqueline Wierstad (Ward 3 resident) would like CM Tolbert to vote against the repackaging in restaurants.

Hello Council Members

Once again thank you for allowing me to speak at your last meeting.

I have heard there may be some confusion on whether the amendment to chapter 236 regarding plastic and styrofoam packaging would save small business money or not. I hope this will clear things up.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please vote no. Please remember that the restaurant owners in St Paul care very much about our environment to the point we pay to have our cardboard, cans, glass, and plastic recycled.

It's not just about the money! We have a product that can be recycled and made into countless other products (Styrofoam) trying to be replaced with a one and done product.

Thank You  
Anthony Mahmood  
Owner Aesop's Table

October 11, 2017

Dear Saint Paul City Council Members:

There appears to be some confusion on what resources are available for small businesses in Saint Paul to help address the increased costs related to the proposed changes to the “to go” food packaging ordinance that the Council is voting on tomorrow.

Ramsey County’s BizRecycling program is funded through the County Environmental Charge. This is a 53% charge for non-residential customers related to trash collection services and administration. This fee is not applied to organic materials or demolition waste. On top of the County Environmental Charge, businesses also pay the solid waste management tax at 17%. The solid waste management tax does not apply to sorted recyclable materials. With the County Environmental Charge and the Solid Waste Management tax, St. Paul businesses are taxed 70% on their garbage. Because the “to go” food packaging ordinance is focused on what materials customers take out of restaurants, there is no reason to anticipate the trash bills of St. Paul’s small businesses would be reduced with the new ordinance language.

Through the County Environmental Charge, businesses are paying for access to the BizRecycling program. The expertise of the BizRecycling program is helping businesses improve internal operations around recycling. If a Saint Paul restaurant is selected for a BizRecycling grant, they can receive a grant of up to \$10,000 to start or improve their recycling programs. Once a business has received help totaling \$10,000, they are no longer eligible for BizRecycling support. The BizRecycling program may be able to help some St. Paul restaurants, but will not be able to defray the ongoing, future costs of the more expensive materials businesses will be forced to use if this ordinance passes.

Thank you for considering the challenges with the existing resources for businesses to address the proposed changes to the “to go” food packaging ordinance. If these ordinance changes are passed, please provide dedicated resources to help small businesses make the mandated changes.

Sincerely,  
Anthony Mahmood  
Owner Aesop's Table  
Celebrating 31 years as a proud St Paul Business

Heidi Schallberg – Ward 3 - called urging CM Tolbert to support the sustainable to go packaging.

Bob Whitehead – Ward 3 – called urging CM Tolbert to vote in favor of to go packaging

**From:** Kris Kowalski [<mailto:kkowalski@kowalskis.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 11, 2017 2:04 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
**Subject:** Ban

Hello Chris,

We use recyclable/compostable to go containers in our stores currently. We feel this is the right thing to do for the environment.

With that being said I am in opposition of the St. Paul ordinance. Creating government mandates to solve systemic societal issues is not always the answer. It takes commitment by all consumers at all levels of the supply chain including the end user.

We continue to educate ourselves, employees and customers to the pros and cons of all materials.

Kris Kowalski Christiansen  
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