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The Board approved this CIS by a vote of: Yea(10) Nay(0) Abstain(0) Ineligible(0) Recusal(0)

Date of NC Board Action: 10/01/2019

Type of NC Board Action: For

#### Impact Information

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Update to a Previous Input: No

Directed To: City Council and Committees

Council File Number: 17-0656

Agenda Date: 10/01/2019

Item Number: K

Summary:

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## **COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT**

*VIA EMAIL*

October 2, 2019

Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Council Members:

We declare that on October 1, 2019 the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council (ERNC) held a Brown Act-noticed public meeting in which a quorum was present. The ERNC voted unanimously to support the [Motion listed here](#) regarding CF 17-0656, requesting that the Bureau of Sanitation be instructed to report on the feasibility of banning polystyrene foam containers from the City of Los Angeles.

In 2011 the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences identified styrene as a likely carcinogen. Styrene has also been placed on Proposition 65's list of chemicals known to cause cancer or reproductive harm. Several studies have shown that styrene can leach into food and drink. Benzene, also contained in polystyrene, has been classified by the same National Toxicology Program as a "known human carcinogen based on sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity from studies in humans." Benzene has been linked to cancer in leukemia. Further, because polystyrene does not biodegrade, it absorbs toxins found in the ocean, thus posing a danger to marine species which mistake polystyrene for food.

In 2008 the City of Los Angeles banned polystyrene from City of Los Angeles facilities. This Motion goes further to ban polystyrene from the entire City including food-service take-out facilities. Polystyrene foam container pollution can be seen on our streets and beaches. Ninety-nine cities and counties across California have enacted ordinances banning the use of polystyrene foam containers.

The Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council supports an expansion of the City's polystyrene ban which will be beneficial to the City, its communities, the health of its residents and the surrounding environment.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this important issue.

Please place this letter in the case file, and acknowledge its receipt via email to: [executive@ernc.la](mailto:executive@ernc.la).  
Thank you.

Respectfully,



Jesse Saucedo  
President, Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council

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