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Summary: The Los Feliz Neighborhood Council supports the reduction of single use plastic straws. It is a good first step to make people aware of just how many straws they use each day and it forces them to contemplate if taking a straw is really necessary. As Americans we use 500 million straws each day, that's enough straws to encircle the Earth 2.5 times. Our landfills are filling up, China has stopped taking our recycling, and our oceans will have more plastic than fish by 2050. We must take steps towards curbing our reliance on single use plastics.

Even switching to biodegradable or compostable plastics does not solve the issue if these are not disposed of properly. Compostable plastics do not degrade in landfills which are anaerobic. They also require more energy upfront to produce. Until our city's waste management system is able to handle waste that requires oxygen to break down, usage of these seemingly eco-friendly alternatives should be minimized as well.

Several of our larger venues in Los Feliz are already minimizing straw usage. The LA Zoo has been straw free (for the safety of their animals) since 1983 and The Greek Theatre serves drinks primarily in bottles and cans, which have a well established path to recycling.

We support CF 18-0053, which aims to create a citywide ordinance requiring restaurants and food service providers to distribute plastic straws by request only.