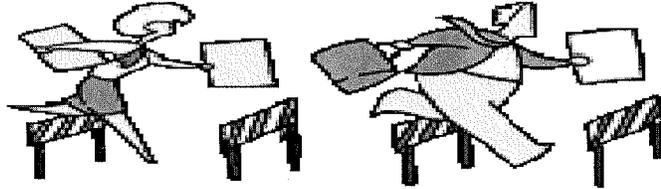




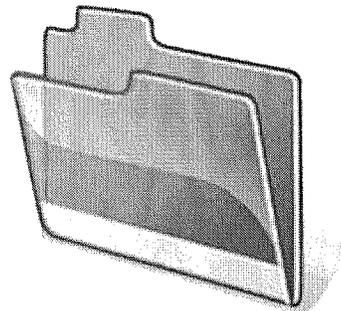
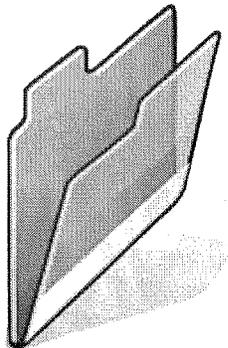
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RE: Single-use bag ban in Milpitas

Dear Mayor Esteves and Council Members:

On behalf of our members and supporters in Milpitas, we urge you to close the bag ban gap in Santa Clara County by adopting the proposed single-use bag ordinance. Milpitas, like many other Bay Area cities, must reduce trash in its stormwater system by 70 percent by 2017 and reach zero trash by 2022; eliminating common litter items like plastic bags is a proven way to achieve trash reductions.

The draft ordinance mirrors the policies in place throughout Santa Clara County, which have reduced plastic bag pollution in local waterways. Three years after San Jose implemented its bag ordinance, the city found that plastic bag litter decreased by 71 percent in local waterways and 62 percent in municipal storm drains. Plastic bag bans are now the status quo across the Bay Area – 80 percent of Bay Area residents live in jurisdictions that have adopted single-use bag ordinances. It is time for Milpitas to join the regional effort to eliminate this wasteful product and set an example for cities across the state.

California legislators adopted a statewide bag ban in 2014, but out-of-state bag manufacturers delayed its implementation by placing a referendum on the November 2016 ballot. Until voters overturn the referendum, our cities must continue to lead in reducing plastic pollution in our waterways. We urge you to adopt the ordinance and put the city and our Bay on a stronger path toward zero trash. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Lewis  
Executive Director  
Save The Bay

Miriam Gordon  
California Director  
Clean Water Action & Clean Water Fund