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| 4. | | Favor | Emily Parker | Please see attached letter for our comments of support |
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July 22, 2024

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the signed organizations, we are writing to express our strong support for Supervisor Horvath's motion "A Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Single Use Plastic in LA County" to be taken at the July 23, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting. As part of a coalition of NGOs dedicated to reducing plastic pollution and its associated impacts, we commend the County for its proactive approach in addressing plastic pollution and promoting zero waste principles.

We fully support Supervisor Horvath's motion to take a more comprehensive approach to reducing single use plastic in Los Angeles County and the directives to provide recommended approaches to applying the City of Los Angeles' Comprehensive Plastics Reduction Program Programmatic Environmental Impact Review (PEIR) to the County's approach. The PEIR contains 26 upstream plastic reduction tools that, if implemented by both the City and County, would make a significant impact.

Local action has always been crucial in moving environmental policy forward; Los Angeles County was among the first in the nation to include restrictions on single-use carryout bags, single-use foodware accessories, expanded polystyrene, plastic foodware, reuse for dine-in mandates, and a policy requiring zero-waste County events. What happens here has a lasting ripple effect across the state of California and beyond. By aligning a comprehensive approach with the City of Los Angeles, the County has the best chance at creating effective tools to reduce harmful plastic pollution across the region and continuing to be a leader in creating cleaner communities for all Angelinos.

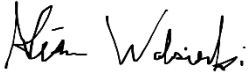
As members of the environmental community, we recognize the urgent need to address the pervasive issue of plastic pollution. We strongly support Supervisor Horvath's motion, are committed to supporting the County in the included directives, and look forward to collaborating on future initiatives to achieve our shared goal of a zero-waste Los Angeles. We'd like to thank Supervisor Horvath and the entire Board for your leadership and dedication to environmental stewardship and for this opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

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Los Angeles County Supervisor, Kathryn Barger (Fifth District)



July 16, 2024

Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
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Room 383
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention Honorable Lindsey Horvath
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RE: A Comprehensive Approach to Reducing Single-Use Plastic in Los Angeles County

[WeTap.org](http://wetap.org) has long been a strong voice for the use of publicly supplied drinking water as a antidote to the health, environmental, and economic crises caused by the use of single use plastic water bottles. We have promoted the use of public drinking fountains/hydration stations and educational campaigns including the [WeTap App](#) and Tap Water Day which was founded in Los Angeles City (2015) and is now a [statewide](#) initiative (2023).

We fervently support a comprehensive approach to reducing single use plastic in LA County. We applaud your efforts with this far-reaching motion that both acknowledges the dangers of single use plastics and offers solutions for resolving these pressing and evolving dangers.

As stated in the motion “The most efficient method of reducing plastic waste is through waste prevention,” we would like to kindly suggest that opportunity for all plastic bottled water containers sold in LA County to contain accurate health warnings like those on tobacco products. WeTap would like to suggest an active workgroup with NGO’s, public health, the LA City and some state representatives included for efficiency and coordinate efforts since we all share the same concerns and goals, such as the [Safe to Drink](#) Workgroup for the State of CA.. Also, the Olympics will generate extraordinary amounts of waste. We need to address this now.

Please let me know if WeTap can be of service in any way.

Sincerely,

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