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To: Trish Spencer; Malia Vella; Frank Matarrese; Jim Oddie; Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft
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Subject: Letter regarding Disposable Food Service Ware/Straw on request
Attachments: Straw letter.docx

Dear Mayor Spencer, Vice Mayor Vella, Council Members Matarrese, Oddie, and Ezzy Ashcraft,

Please find attached my letter regarding this Item on the agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 19th, 2017.

Sincerely,

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Sept. 18, 2017

Dear Mayor Spencer, Vice Mayor Vella, Council Members Matarrese, Oddie, and Ashcraft

RE: Ordinance No. 2977 Disposable Food Service Ware / Straw on Request

I appreciate that our Alameda City Council is considering changes to Ordinance No. 2977 at the Sept. 19th City Council meeting. I would propose these changes to the proposal prepared for the Sept. 19th 2017 City Council meeting

4-4.4.1 Single Use Straws : On and after January 1, 2018, no food vendor shall provide a single-use straw to a customer except on the customer's specific request. A food vendor may have single-use straws available for use by customers at locations within the restaurant, bar or food vendor.

I propose to strike the sentence: "A food vendor may have single-use drinking straws available for use by customers at locations within the restaurant, bar or food vendor."

This means straws would be sitting out on counters with other condiments, as is now the case, and this would nullify the message of "Straws on Request".

Straws are a place to start with customer awareness. The plastics industry is pushing that a straw is needed in every beverage—even a glass of water at a restaurant. I've attached a picture of a table neighboring mine at Penca Azul on Park Street. There is a plastic straw in every glass- including water glasses (which were also given without request AND included a straw!)We could lead the way in a reduction of straw use, in a visibly enforceable manner, which will help reduce costs for restaurants, bars and food vendors Our unique position on the Bay, gives us a mandate to lead the way in a very focused visible campaign.

Sincerely, Pat Lamborn 3226 Encinal Ave. Alameda, CA



Straws in water glasses