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PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR A DRAFT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PLANNING DEPARTMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE: The City of San Diego (City) as the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) has prepared a Draft Program Environmental Impact Report (Draft PEIR) in compliance with CEQA for the following project and is inviting your comments regarding the adequacy of the document. The Draft PEIR and associated technical appendices have been placed on the City of San Diego's CEQA website under the heading "Draft CEQA Documents" and can be accessed using the following link:

<https://www.sandiego.gov/ceqa/draft>

Your comments must be received by Monday, January 24, 2022 to be included in the final document considered by the decision-making authorities. Please send your written comments to the following address: **Tara Ash-Reynolds, Assistant Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, MS 413, San Diego, CA 92123** or e-mail your comments to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov with the **Project Name** in the subject line. Please note that only written comments, received either via US Mail, hand-delivered, or via email, will be considered official comments in the Final PEIR.

PROJECT NAME: Single Use Plastic Reduction Ordinance
SCH No.: 2020120099
COMMUNITY PLAN AREA: Citywide
COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City is proposing an ordinance that would amend the San Diego Municipal Code (SDMC) to restrict the use of polystyrene products throughout the City. The proposed ordinance includes a ban of the distribution of egg cartons, food service ware, or food trays that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam. Items that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam that is not wholly encapsulated or encased within a non-polystyrene foam material (e.g., coolers, ice chests, or similar containers; pool or beach toys; or dock floats, mooring buoys, or anchor or navigation markers) will also be banned from distribution. Products that are made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam will be banned from distribution in or at facilities within the City. The proposed ordinance will allow the distribution of prepared food that is packaged in food service ware or that uses food trays made, in whole or in part, from polystyrene foam, if the prepared food is packaged outside of the City and is provided to the consumer as originally packaged. The proposed ordinance would limit the distribution of food service ware products such as, utensils and straws, for takeout orders of prepared food, and will only allow the provision of utensils upon the request of the person ordering the prepared food.

The ordinance will also include a process for obtaining a waiver of the provisions regarding food service ware and food trays if the applicant or City official seeking the waiver demonstrates that

adherence to the ordinance would result in the following: 1) a feasibility-based hardship; 2) a financial hardship; and/or 3) a violation of a contractual requirement.

PROJECT LOCATION: The City of San Diego is located within San Diego County in the southwestern corner of California. The City is generally bounded by the Cities of Del Mar and Escondido to the north; the Cities of La Mesa, Santee, and El Cajon to the east; the Cities of Chula Vista, National City, and Imperial Beach to the south; and the Pacific Ocean to the west, encompassing an area of approximately 372 square miles.

APPLICANT: City of San Diego Planning Department

RECOMMENDED FINDING: The Draft PEIR concludes that the proposed project would result in significant environmental impacts in the following area: **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**. All other impacts analyzed in this PEIR were found to be less than significant.

COMMENTS: This Draft PEIR is available for a 45-day public review period in accordance with CEQA that starts on **Friday, December 10, 2021**, and ends on **Monday, January 24, 2022**. Written/mail-in comments regarding the proposed PEIR's scope and alternatives should be sent to the following address: **Tara Ash-Reynolds, Assistant Planner, City of San Diego Planning Department, 9485 Aero Drive, M.S. 413, San Diego, CA 92123** or emailed to PlanningCEQA@sandiego.gov with the **Project Name** in the subject line. Responsible agencies are requested to indicate their statutory responsibilities in connection with this project when responding. A Final PEIR incorporating public input will then be prepared and distributed for the public to review and comment.

AVAILABILITY IN ALTERNATIVE FORMAT: To request this Notice in alternative format, call the Planning Department at (619) 235-5200 OR (800) 735-2929 (TEXT TELEPHONE).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: For environmental review information, contact Tara Ash-Reynolds at (619) 553-6492. For information regarding public meetings/hearings on this project, contact the Project Manager, Jennifer Ott, at (858) 573-1285.

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