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Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

The Los Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust is strongly in favor of the proposed **Ban on Polystyrene Products.**

As advocates for a restored and thriving Los Cerritos Wetlands, we realize that goal cannot be fully attained as long as there continues to be an un-ending stream of these polluting and harmful polystyrene products in our local wetlands. Not only are these products unsightly but can harm wildlife when they are accidentally ingested, or they can impede the ability of animals to forage and nest. Furthermore, as responsible stewards of not only our local wetlands but also of the global environment, we are concerned about the consequence of polystyrene products circulating around the planet, slowly but never completely breaking down, and making their way into the oceans and the food chain. It is unfair to risk the well being of our children and our children's children and future generations by allowing this to continue.

Our generation must look forward and make small sacrifices to help turn around our rapidly degrading planet. Banning polystyrene products at the local level is an important small step in the right direction.

On behalf of our members, who reside within all districts in Long Beach and beyond, we deeply appreciate your initiative on this issue and your care and concern for residents of this city and for future generations.

"In every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations." -- The Iroquois Confederacy

The proposal to ban polystyrene is in the spirit of the inspiring quote above and we thank those in Long Beach who are leading with this innovative idea.

Best Regards,

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