

STRATEGY TO DEVELOP SINGLE-USE, NO-RECYCLABLE PLASTICS

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Moore-Love, Karla

From: Roger Jones <rcjones9@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 3:19 PM
To: Michele Machado
Cc: Moore-Love, Karla; Council Clerk – Testimony; Liz Potter; Julia Hanfling; Gregg Harris; Briana Goodwin; Charlie Plybon; Portland Chair; Portland DitchTheStraw; Talbot Wallace; Jesse Riscen
Subject: Re: Written Testimony in Support of Agenda Item 691

Very nice Michele.
Thank you sez Arr.

On Wed, Jun 20, 2018, 12:16 PM Michele Machado <michele.machado@hiusa.org> wrote:

Dear Mayor Ted Wheeler, Portland City Council Members and Council Clerk,

Please accept this written testimony in support of today's agenda item 691. Thank you in advance.

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Bringing people together is what the HI USA experience is all about and it's natural for us to take a lead role in bringing our diverse community of businesses, residents and guests together around a common purpose. Each year we partner with local NGOs and businesses to deliver our annual signature event in honor of World Environment Day (June 5th), based on the UN's annual theme. The [theme this year is Plastic Pollution Prevention](#) with a focus on eliminating single use plastic that frequently finds its way into our oceans and soils. World Oceans Day (June 8th) carried a similar theme and in celebration of both we partnered with the Hawthorne Blvd Business Association, United Nations Association of Portland and Surfrider Foundation Portland Chapter to bring their Ditch the Straw PDX Campaign to Hawthorne Blvd.

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We will continue to work within our community as a concerned and proactive member and we support previous efforts and current programs that the City of Portland has initiated to reduce plastics and support the improvement of environmental conditions regarding land and watershed health. We are very happy to see the City continue to take these issues seriously with agenda item 691. We are therefore writing today in full support of the current Resolution that directs the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability to develop a strategy to reduce single use non-recyclable plastic including plastic straws. We support this resolution as written and urge the Council and Mayor to pass it today without hesitation.

Thank you for continuing to make the City of Portland a leader in sustainability and watershed health.

Highest Regards,

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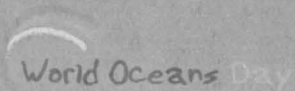
PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES

BUSINESSES ON HAWTHORNE JOIN THE PORTLAND
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WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY AND WORLD OCEANS DAY.

PARTICIPATING BUSINESSES WILL VOLUNTARILY
GIVE UP SINGLE USE PLASTIC STRAWS AND START
AN "UPON REQUEST" POLICY FOR A PAPER STRAW
ALTERNATIVES THAT RAPIDLY BREAK DOWN IN THE
MARINE ENVIRONMENT.

VISIT AND SUPPORT HAWTHORNE BUSINESSES!

[FACEBOOK.COM/HIORTLANDHAWTHORNE/EVENTS](https://www.facebook.com/hiportlandhawthorne/events)



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From: Kalub Hall <kalubwhall@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 7:14 AM
To: Council Clerk – Testimony
Subject: Plastic straw facts

Please read these articles from National Geographic and Bloomberg. Plastic straws are not the problem. This is a waste of time and effort from a great city like Portland. These are accurate and well sourced articles.

Thank you,

Kalub Hall

https://www.bloomberg.com/view/articles/2018-06-07/plastic-straws-aren-t-the-problem?cmpid=socialflow-facebook-business&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook&utm_content=business&utm_campaign=socialflow-organic

<https://news.nationalgeographic.com/2018/03/great-pacific-garbage-patch-plastics-environment/>