

Aloha. My name is Joel Kimble: thank you for honoring me with your time.
Water, hope, and peace are my topics.

First water

The city of Portland has one of the best water systems in the U.S. (Bottlemania). One of only three who own their own watersheds, Seattle and San Francisco the other two. I would like to give enormous praise to the Forest Supervisor Gary Larson, Commissioner Randy Leonard and any other persons that help manage Bull Run and the rest of our water system and those who work with them: thank you.

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Looks (sounds) like but isn't nonsense.

Here are six goals: from (www.stopcorporateabuse.org) for OUR Mayor;
“Cancel all city contracts with water bottlers

Stop supplying bottled water for city employees

Stop putting bottled water in vending machines in city buildings

Launch public education effort promoting public tap water - thank you to Jennie Day-Burget for giving me several “I only drink tap water” bumper stickers

Increase funding for water infrastructure - Unquenchable by Robert Glennon suggest raising price charged for delivering water and much more.

Commit to increasing the number of well-maintained water fountains”

Bottled water is banned in Commission Leonard bureau and Amanda Fritz emailed her support. Portland will be in good company in the ban. Toronto's ban includes bringing all plumbing up to code in city and school buildings; San Francisco \$ 1/2 million per year Seattle's ban \$58 thousand per year; Chicago's ban includes a tax on the plastic bottle; the province of Ontario; the United Church of Canada's 590,000 members want to stop buying bottled water; New York state after Illinois to ban bottled water from government agencies; Venice, Italy wants its citizens to drink the “Mayor's water” (Italy consumes the most bottled water in the world).

I would like to add two more goals:

Get the whole city of Portland to ban bottled water like it bans cigarettes. For now making sure that restaurants and bars serve tap water.

And on Earth Day April 22, Portland makes it “Tap IN” Day ; a day when bottled water drinkers try to kick the habit for a day.

Corporate Accountability International's website is a blueprint to get back to the tap. Here are some reasons:

“1. To save taxpayer dollars

3. To challenge misleading advertising

4. To protect consumers - bottled water is, in fact, less regulated than tap water

6. To strengthen our public water systems - bottled water is not a sustainable solution

7. To protect our environment

8. To lessen our cities carbon footprints - (This one is why I kicked the bottled water habit. I saw a teenager talking about the 100's of millions of plastic bottled water bottles in land fills. This one further moves me when taking into account fossil fuels to make

the bottles, to fill the bottles and the to transport them.)

10. It just makes sense"

Second Hope

El Agua es La Vida

Water is the key element of nature. "Water has cultural, spiritual, religious, environmental, and economic value (Robert Glennon). Sometimes, knowledge isn't enough: we need hope. Hope can be found in the words of Iokepa Naele, a native Hawaiian, on Green TV and at www.hawaiiimessageinthewaves.com. Native Hawaiians believe in and once lived in harmony with nature: if it has been done before; it can be done again. There is the hope.

Third Peace

'Peace is not a destination; it is the way'

This spring watching the documentary Flow reactivated my love of water. On July 8, I went to the Springboard Social Innovation Forum for the first time looking for banning bottled water's place among other causes. One of the panelists Mary King, PSU Professor of Economics, had the task of explaining social and environmental issues. She said that environmental issues cannot be solved until a society is healthy. I discovered the book Stop the Next War Now edited by the cofounders of CODE PINK Medea Benjamin and Jodie Evans. CODE PINK is the security level for peace that a group of women started after September 11, 2001. A society at war is not healthy. Peace is the way. I challenge the members of Portland's City Council to read Stop the Next War Now.

Thank you again for the honor of your time. I would rather be swimming. Knowledge about bottled water has already gotten large numbers of people taking the right action. Hope can be found in the fact that living in harmony with nature has been done before. And finally to live green we must bring our city, our state, and our country to CODE PINK. Aloha.

Joel Kimble for August 12, 2009 visit to Portland City Council
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Finished reading When the River Ran Wild! by George W. Aguilar Sr. and
Unquenchable (America's Water Crisis and What to Do About It) by Robert Glennon.

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Wednesday Council Meeting 9:30 AM**

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Reason for the request:

Ban Bottled water : Step 1 volunteer yourself
to kick habit of drinking bottled water Step groups
volunteer to stop Step 2 - impose a tax on bottled
water (like gas or cigarettes) Step 3 go online to
www.flow the film.com to sign UN 31 - rights to water

Joel Kimble
(signed)

- Give your request to the Council Clerk's office by Thursday at 5:00 pm to sign up for the following Wednesday Meeting. Holiday deadline schedule is Wednesday at 5:00 pm. (See contact information below.)
- You will be placed on the Wednesday Agenda as a "Communication." Communications are the first item on the Agenda and are taken promptly at 9:30 a.m. A total of five Communications may be scheduled. Individuals must schedule their own Communication. ?
- You will have 3 minutes to speak and may also submit written testimony before or at the meeting.

Thank you for being an active participant in your City government.

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Request of Joel Kimble to address Council regarding banning bottled water
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