



August 9, 2016

Mayor Wood and Oceanside City Council
300 N Coast Hwy
Oceanside, CA 92054

Re: Climate Action Campaign Supports Agenda Item # 27, the Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance

Dear Mayor Wood, Deputy Mayor Lowery and Oceanside City Council,

Climate Action Campaign is a watchdog organization dedicated to stopping climate change and protecting our region's quality of life. On behalf of our more than 2,500 supporters, we urge you to vote yes on City Council Agenda Item #27, the Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance on August 10, 2016.

This Single-Use Bag Ordinance will reduce the number of carryout bags that end up in landfills, helping to mitigate climate change by curbing methane and other greenhouse gases released from landfills. It will also help prevent toxic landfill runoff from leaching into soil and waterways and will lessen the amount of plastic bag litter that ends up in our oceans and harms marine life. Importantly, this ordinance will help keep our beaches and bays clean, enhancing the quality of life for Oceanside residents who enjoy spending time in coastal outdoor spaces.

This ordinance aligns with Oceanside's Zero Waste Plan and will help meet goals of Oceanside's pending Climate Action Plan (CAP). The City of San Diego recently passed its own single-use bag ordinance, which corresponds with the Zero Waste element of San Diego's unanimous, bi-partisan CAP. We urge Oceanside to join San Diego and a growing list of California cities that are moving away from plastic bags (121 Ordinances in California, affecting 150 municipalities).

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue to protect our region's sustainability and quality of life. Please support Item #27, the Single-Use Carryout Bag Reduction Ordinance.

Sincerely,

Kath Rogers, Director of Special Projects