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Dear Interested Party,

Contra Costa County is proposing to ban polystyrene (styrofoam) food and beverage containers in all unincorporated communities. The proposal will be similar to 10 other cities within the County that have already implemented a polystyrene ban.

A public meeting will be held on November 8, 2018 to discuss the ban.

The discussion will be at the County's Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee meeting at 3:00 on November 8, at 651 Pine Street, Martinez, in Room 101 on the ground floor.

The proposal would ban the use of polystyrene for all food and beverage containers, such as bowls, plates, trays, cartons, cups, and "clamshell" style food containers. The ban would apply to all businesses that sell food or beverages, such as restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, fast food services, etc., or package leftovers from a partially consumed meal. Enclosed is a flyer with more information on the polystyrene ban.

The County is proposing to ban polystyrene to reduce the impact polystyrene food and beverage containers have on the environment. Polystyrene is not biodegradable and breaks down into smaller and smaller pieces over time, multiplying its detrimental environmental impact. There are also potential health concerns, as polystyrene chemicals can leach into food stored in polystyrene containers.

If you have any comments or questions on the proposed polystyrene ban, please e-mail them to cece.sellgren@pw.cccounty.us; mail them to the Contra Costa County Public Works Department, 255 Glacier Drive, Martinez, CA 94553, attention Cece Sellgren; or call Cece Sellgren directly at 925-313-2296.

- 「該縣擬禁止商店和餐館使用聚苯乙烯泡沫塑料製成的食品和飲料容器。如需更多信息（中文），請訪問網站 www.cccounty.us/PolyBan。」（中文）
- El condado está proponiendo prohibir los recipientes de alimentos y bebidas de Styrofoam en tiendas y restaurantes. Para obtener más información en español, visite el sitio Web www.cccounty.us/PolyBan.

Sincerely,

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