



February 24th, 2012

Hayward City Council
777 B Street
Hayward, CA 94541

Dear Mayor Sweeney and Council Members,

I understand you will be voting on a resolution next Tuesday, February 28th to participate in the countywide single-use bag ordinance passed by Stopwaste. On behalf of hundreds of our members in Hayward and 25,000 members throughout the Bay, I respectfully urge your support for remaining a participant in the countywide ordinance.

This groundbreaking regional policy will greatly reduce the number of plastic bags flowing from Alameda County streets into the Bay. Further, it will help cities achieve the trash load reduction requirements under the Municipal Regional Stormwater Permit. Ensuring countywide consistency on this ordinance will result in the greatest environmental benefit while having the least impact on businesses.

I respectfully urge you to join your fellow Alameda County jurisdictions in participating in the countywide ordinance and protecting our waterways from plastic bag pollution. Thank you for your attention to this important Bay issue.

Sincerely,

David Lewis
Executive Director