

## RESOLUTION NO. .

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF SAN MATEO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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### RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CALIFORNIA PLASTIC WASTE REDUCTION REGULATIONS INITIATIVE.

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**RESOLVED**, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

**WHEREAS**, in California, plastics amount to roughly 10% of the total waste generated and only a small portion of this plastic waste is recycled into new products, while the majority is disposed of in landfills; and

**WHEREAS**, plastics cause significant environmental damage, particularly to our oceans, and according to a 2016 report by the World Economic Forum, by 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean by weight; and

**WHEREAS**, international trade import policies have led to plastics and paper piling up at local waste facilities across state with no place to go, causing increased costs to local governments, slowdowns in waste processing of other materials, and public health risks; and

**WHEREAS**, CalRecycle is responsible for overseeing statewide recycling policies and programs to help meet a statewide goal of 75% source reduction, recycling, and composting by 2020, for which local governments are largely responsible for implementing; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative (the Initiative) would require CalRecycle to consult with other state entities to adopt regulations on the production and sale of all single-use plastic packaging and foodware sold in California; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initiative would create a new tax on single-use plastic packaging and foodware sold in California beginning in 2022, of which 20% of the revenue would be allocated to local governments to support local recycling and composting programs, among other things; and

**WHEREAS**, the Initiative aligns with the County of San Mateo's February 2020 Ordinance banning the distribution of plastic food service ware, as well as other initiatives and programs led by the County's Office of Sustainability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors of San Mateo County supports the California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative, which would reduce that amount of plastic waste that is generated and that ends up in landfills or as litter.

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