



# City of Santa Barbara California

## CITY OF SANTA BARBARA PLANNING COMMISSION

### RESOLUTION NO. 011-13

#### CITYWIDE

### CERTIFICATION OF FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE

AUGUST 8, 2013

### PROPOSED SINGLE-USE CARRYOUT BAG ORDINANCE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT CERTIFICATION

The proposed ordinance would prohibit stores selling food and pharmacies from providing plastic carryout bags, and would assess a 10-cent charge on recyclable paper bags provided by the stores at the point of sale, with the intent of reducing existing environmental impacts from plastic bag use. The Environmental Impact Report analyzed effects associated with air quality, biological resources, greenhouse gas emissions, hydrology and water quality, water, wastewater, solid waste, and storm water systems, and concluded that no significant environmental effects would result, and no measures to reduce impacts are required.

The Planning Commission received a staff presentation, conducted a public hearing, and considered certification of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the proposed Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has held the required public hearing on the above application, and the Applicant was present.

**WHEREAS**, one person appeared to speak in favor of the certification, and no one appeared to speak in opposition thereto, and the following exhibits were presented for the record:

1. Staff Report with Attachments, August 1, 2013
2. Correspondence received in opposition to the certification:
  - a. Save the Plastic Bag Coalition, via email
  - b. Anthony van Leeuwen, via email
  - c. Paula Westbury, Santa Barbara, CA

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Planning Commission certified the proposed Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance making the following findings:

1. The proposed Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Santa Barbara Single- Use Carryout Bag Ordinance, comprised of the Draft Environmental Impact Report, comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, responses to comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, minor changes to the Draft Environmental Impact Report, and the City of Santa Barbara addition to the Final Environmental Impact Report, was presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara. The Planning Commission reviewed and considered the information contained in the proposed Final Environmental Impact Report, including the City addition, public comment, and responses to comments, and determined that the document constitutes a complete, accurate, and good faith effort toward full disclosure of the project's impacts and is an adequate environmental analysis of the project.

2. The proposed Final Environmental Impact Report for the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and Guidelines.
3. The proposed Final Environmental Impact Report for the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance reflects the City of Santa Barbara Planning Commission's independent judgment and analysis.
4. The location and custodian of documents and materials that constitute the record of proceedings upon which this decision is based is the City of Santa Barbara Community Development Department, Planning Division, 630 Garden Street, Santa Barbara, CA.
5. The Final Environmental Impact Report for the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance will be presented to the City Council before Council decides whether to adopt the Single-Use Carryout Bag Ordinance.

This motion was passed and adopted on the 8th day of August, 2013 by the Planning Commission of the City of Santa Barbara, by the following vote:

AYES: 6 NOES: 1(Thompson) ABSTAIN: 0 ABSENT: 0

I hereby certify that this Resolution correctly reflects the action taken by the city of Santa Barbara Planning Commission at its meeting of the above date.

  
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Julie Rodriguez, Planning Commission Secretary

  
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Date

**PLEASE BE ADVISED:**

**THIS ACTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION CAN BE APPEALED TO THE CITY COUNCIL WITHIN TEN (10) CALENDAR DAYS AFTER THE DATE THE ACTION WAS TAKEN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**