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### **PROGRESSIVE COUNCIL VOTES TO APPROVE A BAN ON STYROFOAM AND REDUCTION OF SINGLE-USE PLASTICS**

SAN DIEGO, CA – San Diego Councilmember Chris Ward (District Three) issued the following statement after Council voted (6-3) to approve his ordinance to ban styrofoam (also known as expanded polystyrene foam or EPS) and place restrictions on single-use plastics in San Diego.

**“By passing this measure, the Council supermajority has assured San Diego’s role as a national leader in pursuit of a safe, sustainable future and has made San Diego the largest city in California to ban styrofoam.**

**“The negative impacts of styrofoam are permanent and threaten the health of San Diegans, wildlife, and industries critical to our region. The time has come for us to listen to community groups, non-profits, and businesses that have been advocating for this change for years and move away from styrofoam and plastics in San Diego.”**

The measure will ban polystyrene foam products for the use of food service ware, food trays, egg cartons, and coolers in the City of San Diego. Under this ordinance, prepared food, such as that distributed through take-out menu items, may not be distributed, or available for purchase, in or on products that contain polystyrene foam. The measure would also make single-use plastics, such as straws and utensils, only available to restaurant customers by request.

For more information or to interview Councilmember Ward, contact Ansermio Jake Estrada at (619) 227-042 or [EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov](mailto:EstradaAJ@sandiego.gov)

***Councilmember Chris Ward represents San Diego’s Third Council District including communities of Downtown, Little Italy, Bankers Hill, Mission Hills, Middletown, Hillcrest, University Heights, North Park, Normal Heights, Old Town, South Park, and Golden Hill.***

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