

HAYWARD CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 16-

Introduced by Council Member _____

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NOVEMBER 2016 BALLOT REFERENDUM
PROPOSITION 67: THE PLASTIC BAG BAN

WHEREAS, California's Plastic Bag Ban Referendum will appear as Proposition 67 on the November 2016 ballot, in which a "yes" vote will be in favor of upholding SB270, the plastic bag ban, and a "no" will be in favor of overturning SB 270.

WHEREAS, California uses between 13 and 20 billion single-use plastic bags every year, with 950 million plastic bags ending up as litter in landfills, neighborhoods, or as a danger to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, passage of Proposition 67 would protect California's coast and help support the California economy: recreational equipment suppliers, restaurant suppliers, hotel suppliers; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are a major source of litter and pollution in California, costing taxpayers an estimated \$34 million to \$107 million annually to manage plastic bag litter throughout the state, as well as cities and counties where costs are estimated at \$428 million to clean up litter and prevent aquatic pollution; and

WHEREAS, plastic bags are non-biodegradable, clog drains, blow out of landfills, and end up as litter on streets, and in green spaces; and California requires suffocation warnings on plastic bags because they pose a threat of death to small children and babies; and

WHEREAS, there is evidence that plastic bag bans work; cities have reported a 95% reduction in use of plastic bags after bans take effect, as well as an 89% reduction in storm drain systems, a 60% reduction in creeks and rivers, and a 59% reduction in streets; and

WHEREAS, the City of Hayward along with 150 California cities and counties already have banned single-use plastic grocery bags independent of the state law representing over one-third of the state's population; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 67 would continue California's success in phasing out plastic bags, keeping in place a law passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The City Council of the City of Hayward supports Proposition 67- The Plastic Bag Ban; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council authorizes the listing of The City of Hayward in favor of Proposition 67 and instruct staff to send a copy of this resolution to the appropriate parties.

IN COUNCIL, HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA _____, 2016

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:
MAYOR:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ATTEST: _____
City Clerk of the City of Hayward

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney of the City of Hayward