

January 1, 2019

Dear Mayor Arrequin and Members of the Berkeley City Council:

The undersigned businesses are concerned about litter and packaging waste in the City of Berkeley. Food and beverage packaging is a significant problem on city streets and disposable packaging is a significant component of the waste from food businesses. Food packaging adds to the operational costs of most local food business operations both in upfront purchasing costs and the disposal costs.

Therefore, we are in support of the Berkeley Single Use Foodware and Litter Reduction Ordinance:

- Requiring that restaurants serving customers on-site use reusable cups, plates, and cutlery;
- Ensuring that take-out straws and utensils are not plastic and only offering them on request or in self-serve kiosks; and
- Charging customers for take-out cups.

Sincerely,

BUTCHERS VEGAN
SMOKE BERKELEY BBQ
ALGORITHM COFFEE
HIMALAYAN FLAVORS
GATHER
AJANTA
AUGIE'S MONTREAL DELI
GUERRILLA CAFE
CHEZ PANISSE
TASTE OF HIMALAYAS
CARAVAGGIO
SAUL'S RESTAURANT AND DELICATESSEN