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Hi,

I may not be able to come to the meeting this evening, but wanted to express my encouragement to the town of Larkspur to consider adopting the Foodware Ordinance that Marin County already passed.

The single use foodware use has become a bigger source of garbage since covid and our landfill and waterways are feeling the effect of the litter. Most of the foodware is non compostable, yet people are unaware as there is a lot of 'greenwashing' from the industry (coffee cups and lids are NOT compostable). Asking businesses for dine in foodware (ie a ceramic cup for a coffee) could help with the issue*, just like the plastic bag ban helped change behavior for people to Bring Their Own plastic bags or be charged for them. This ordinance will help behavior change in the same way. Policy change does matter for this and we need your leadership to help make changes like this to help our environment and our community's health.

It is a benefit for the city to take advantage of this before May 10th to get the help from the county (enforcement, outreach to vendors, education) as we know how stretched the town is for resources and staff time.

Thank you for considering adopting this foodware ordinance. It is a very important way to reduce the plastic and non compostable waste we are dealing with.

*I was in Berkeley last week and noticed they are serving coffee in ceramic cups (they were not during pandemic) as they passed their [single use foodware ordinance](#). (NO single use disposable foodware is allowed for on-site dining) Otherwise, businesses don't feel the need to do so even though it is cost effective to NOT use so much single use foodware.

With gratitude for your service and thank you for being environmentally conscious in your leadership!

Sincerely,

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