

August 29, 2018

Dear Mayor & Council:

I am writing to express my support for protecting our environment. As a retailer in your city, I do my very best to fully express & comply with many federal and state regulations to protect our environment.

We have invested in numerous systems to protect our groundwater and do our best to encourage recycling and preserve our natural resources.

However, I am dismayed to learn that the council is considering a ban on plastic utensils and straws. Our customers have also shared their opposition on recent reports of other cities banning plastic straws and utensils as well. Banning these utensils, mandates to provide other material to perform the same function and will result in an increase in cost to the customer and retailers.

With three restaurants and one convenience store in your city, I am opposed to more burdensome regulations. This year, retailers selling petroleum products have been forced to increase sales taxes on gasoline and diesel fuels. Understandably, our customers are very unhappy with this increase in cost and routinely express their anger to our clerks and team members.

While I support being a responsible steward of the environment with all my heart, I must respectfully oppose the proposed ban. Thank you in advance for your understanding in this matter.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO  
Chandi Group USA

Cc: Chamber of Commerce  
City Manager  
City Clerk