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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Zero Waste Ordinance which also ban polystyrene
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My name is Theresa Ryan. This statement is re: July 20th mtg and item 15.`

With the West on fire and cities in Sonoma County running out of water, climate change is on the minds of those who can see the connection between the drought, fire and climate. Polystyrene Ban addresses climate in that polystyrene products end up as garbage in landfills. Garbage in landfills produces methane, a powerful green house gas.

Also when polystyrene refuse enters the water ways-marine and riparian animals consume pieces of it and it kills them. If humans consume animals who have eaten polystyrene they take in that plastic. Plastic breakdown products in humans are proving to interfere with reproductive health as well as child development. Polystyrene one of the most widely used plastics, the scale of its production being several million tons per year.

Please vote in favor of the Zero Waste Foodware Ordinance.