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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended 8/14/19)*

Dear Assemblymember Gonzalez,

The City of Cupertino is pleased to support AB 1080 (Gonzalez), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. This bill directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations before January 1, 2024 that require specified producers to collectively achieve a statewide 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030. AB 1080 also requires all of these single-use plastic products be recyclable or compostable.

AB 1080 requires producers, which include people or companies that manufacture single-use packaging and products, to source reduce these single-use plastics through a combination of source reduction, recycling, or composting by 2030. To achieve this CalRecycle's regulations will require producers to ensure these plastic products are recyclable or compostable. This will both reduce the plastic pollution in our waterways and oceans and prevent materials, which are often landfilled, from entering the waste stream.

AB 1080 also requires CalRecycle by January 1, 2023, and before the adoption of regulations, to finalize a scoping plan that will include extensive outreach with stakeholders, including local governments. This will give local governments a voice in the creation of the forthcoming regulations to address potential implementation challenges. Additionally, the scoping plan includes developing incentives and policies to maximize and encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California.

Developing these incentives will address the lack of recycling markets in California, as recyclable materials once shipped overseas are now piling up with nowhere to go.

Cities have dedicated significant time and resources to develop and implement their recycling programs and want to ensure local recycling programs continue to be successful. AB 1080 will help local governments recycle more materials, throw less waste into landfills, and advance towards meeting statewide solid waste and recycling goals. The City is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds Assemblymember Gonzalez for her leadership on this issue.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino is proud to support AB 1080. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Gibbs at 916-447-4086.

Sincerely,



Steven Scharf
Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Senator Jim Beall
Assemblymember Marc Berman
Assemblymember Evan Low