



**Ending Use of  
Throw-Away  
Plastic Foodware**

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# **WHY?**

**The problem  
Berkeley  
needed to solve**



Ecology Center Berkeley





Thomas Webb, Special to SF Chronicle





**The problem for  
our  
PLANET**





Greenpeace USA







National Geographic



# **From Throwaway to Reusable Foodware:**

## **Berkeley's Single Use Plastics & Litter Reduction Ordinance**

# PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Prohibits throw-away foodware for **Eat-In**
- **To-Go** food packaging must be compostable or reusable
- 25 cent charge shown for **To-Go cups**, to incentivize bringing your own
- **Accessory items** (straws, lids, silverware, napkins) provided only on customer request



# ADDITIONAL ELEMENTS

- **Mini-Grants** to help restaurants put in dishwashers and buy reusable items
- **Technical Assistance** for Restaurants, to help implement all elements
- Create a Citywide **Reusable To-Go** foodware system



**Partnership at  
Core of our Vision**

# Outreach & Organizing









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# Unanimous Vote !



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# Challenges and Opportunities

**Restaurant  
Buy-In**

**COVID-19**



# Savings for Cities



# Greatest Success

## Example for the World





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