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Yes on 67
California vs. Big Plastic
921 11th Street, Suite 420
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RE: Proposition 67 – SUPPORT

To whom it may concern:

On behalf of the CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, I am writing to express our support for Proposition 67, which upholds current law that prohibits certain stores from distributing lightweight, single-use plastic bags. SB 270 established requirements for reusable bags and prohibited stores from distributing reusable bags and recycled paper bags for less than \$0.10 per bag.

The ban on plastic bags is essential to the state addressing pollution, especially in coastal cities like Hermosa Beach. For coastal cities like ours, we see the negative consequences of plastic bags first-hand as this critical issue directly impacts the health and wellness of our residents, beaches and wildlife. Although plastic represents a relatively small fraction of the overall waste stream in California, plastic waste is the predominate form of marine debris. Plastics are estimated to comprise 60-80% of all marine debris and 90% of all floating debris. According to the California Coastal Commission, the primary source of marine debris is urban runoff, of which lightweight plastic bags and plastic film are particularly susceptible. In addition, cities and counties are responsible for reducing storm water pollution to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP) and eliminate discharge through a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Part of this includes removing trash, including plastic from our storm drains and gutters. Storm water permits are costly and because of Proposition 218, many local governments are unable to raise their fees without a vote of the people, thus creating financial hardships for many cities and counties.

Many local communities, like Hermosa Beach, have already begun phasing out single-use plastic bags. Some communities have seen a nearly 90% reduction in single-use bags, with strong support from consumers. We believe it is imperative that all communities participate in this ban to protect our parks, waterways, mountains and oceans.

Proposition 67 builds on local success in phasing out plastic bags, protects our oceans and wildlife, reduces clean-up costs to local agencies, and is good for small businesses and consumers. It is for these reasons that Hermosa Beach supports Proposition 67.

Sincerely,

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