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Director

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Subject: Introduction of Reusable and Compostable Foodware Ordinance

Dear Napa County Business / Food Purveyor:

We all value Napa County's beautiful landscapes and waterways, and we share a responsibility to protect the environment for future generations.

Napa County is considering a new ordinance to promote sustainability by reducing single-use foodware. This initiative would require businesses to switch to reusable or compostable foodware.

The harmful effects of single-use plastics on the environment are well-documented. Pollution from single-use foodware not only threatens wildlife and ecosystems but also impacts human health. By adopting this ordinance, Napa County aims to reduce these negative impacts and move towards a more sustainable future.

The ordinance would require businesses to use reusable foodware for on-site dining or certified compostable options for take-out. We understand this may bring some challenges and initial costs, but the long-term benefits—for both your business and our community—are worth it. This change could also enhance your reputation as a sustainability leader.

Napa County will offer resources, guidance, and cost-saving opportunities to help you through the transition if this ordinance is adopted. Your feedback is important, and we're here to support you.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Ryan Melendez at Ryan.Melendez@countyofnapa.org.

We believe that by working together, we can create a more sustainable and resilient community for current and future generations. Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Sincerely,

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