



TOWN OF LOS GATOS

Civic Center
110 E. Main Street
Los Gatos, CA 95030

July 23, 2014

Subject: Proposed Polystyrene “Foam” Food Service Ware Ordinance and Food Ware Vendor Open House

Dear Store Manager:

The Town of Los Gatos is one of 14 cities in Santa Clara County considering an ordinance to ban expanded or extruded polystyrene (EPS) *foam* food service ware (e.g. foam plates, bowls, cups, lids, trays), and allow restaurants and food facilities to transition to alternative products over a period of time. These products are sometimes referred to as EPS or Styrofoam™ and may have a #6 resin code on the bottom and are white in color. The purpose of the ordinance is to reduce polystyrene *foam* food ware in waterways and improve water quality.

The ordinance that will be proposed to the Town Council for their consideration would affect any food provider or establishment providing food or beverages for consumption on or off the premises, including but not limited to: any restaurant or fast-food establishment, bar, coffee shop, cafeteria, caterer, convenience or liquor store, delicatessen, grocery store or supermarket, mobile food truck, food push-carts, roadside or sidewalk stands, festivals, or other food or retail or sales outlets. The key provisions of the ordinance are attached and available at www.LosGatosCa.Gov/EPS. For more information or to provide comments on the proposed ordinance, contact Christina Gilmore, Assistant to the Town Manager, at (408) 354-6832 or cgilmore@LosGatosCA.gov.

Ordinance Schedule

The Los Gatos Town Council is tentatively scheduled to review the environmental impacts and consider a proposed ordinance in *late 2014 or early 2015*. *If adopted, the ordinance would take effect sometime in 2015.*

Food Service Ware Vendor Open House – August 25, 2014

To help you learn about alternatives to polystyrene foam food service ware, a Food Service Ware Vendor Open House for all businesses in the Town of Los Gatos will be held on **Monday, August 25, 2014 between 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the City of Campbell, Orchard City Banquet Hall, located at 1 W. Campbell Avenue, Campbell**. Please RSVP your attendance by August 20. Businesses will learn about alternative containers and meet vendors. To RSVP your attendance to the Vendor Open House, contact Lauren Wells, Town of Los Gatos at (408) 354-6832 or lwells@LosGatosCA.gov.

You are receiving this letter because your business license information on file with the Town indicates that your organization may be affected. If you would not like to receive further notices, please send an email to: cgilmore@LosGatosCA.gov.

Attachment: Key Provisions of the Proposed Ordinance