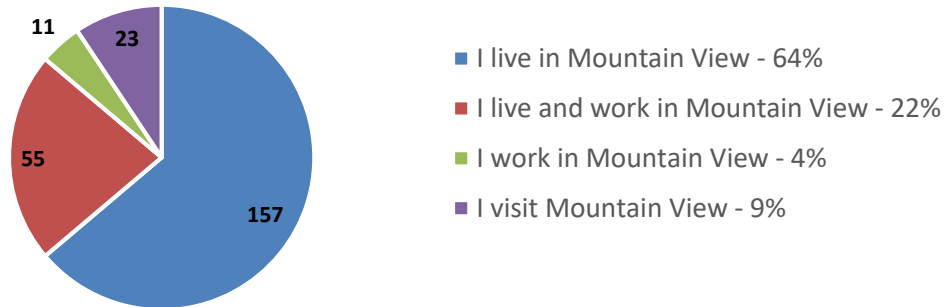
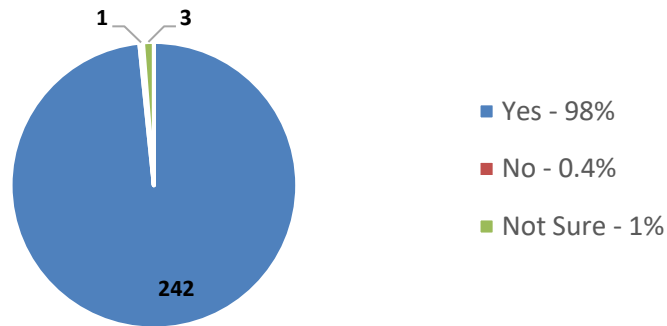


FOOD SERVICE WARE ORDINANCE SURVEY RESULTS

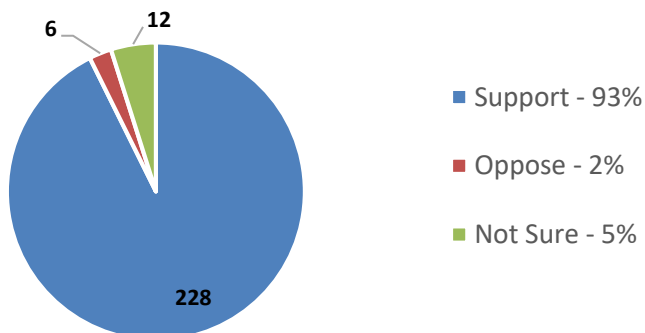
1. Which of the following best describes you?



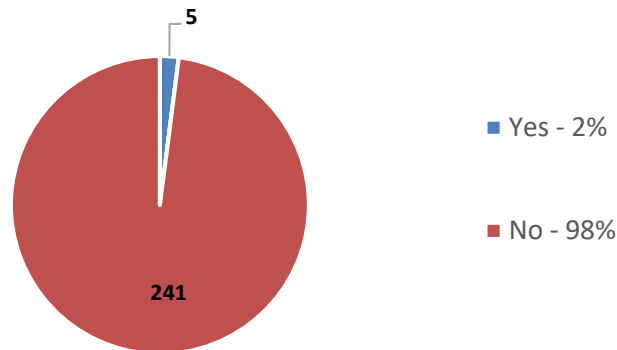
2. Are you concerned about the impact of plastic pollution on human, animal, and environmental health in the San Francisco Bay Area?



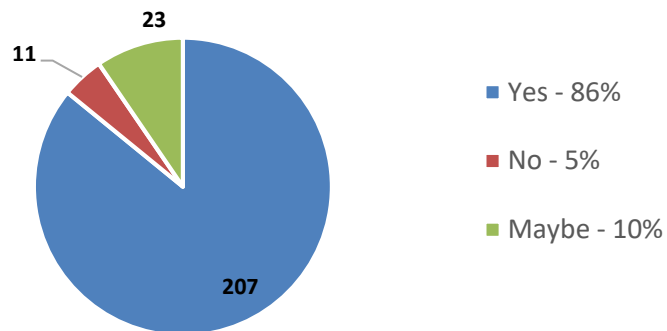
3. Do you support or oppose the City of Mountain View's proposed ordinance with its purpose to reduce the use of disposable plastic food service ware by restaurants and other food providers in Mountain View?



4. Do you own, operate, or manage a food service establishment in Mountain View?



5. Are you more likely to support a business that offers reusable and/or compostable food and beverage packaging options?



6. Do you have questions or comments about the proposed Food Service Ware Ordinance? If so, please describe here or contact us directly at Recycle@MountainView.gov.¹

- I think this is a fantastic idea and look forward to its implementation!
- I fully support this proposed ordinance and I would also encourage that this ordinance include incentives and/or resources to help restaurants offer reusable food service ware for dine-in options.
- Keep up the good work.
- Great idea! We have stopped ordering takeout from s restaurant we love but they use so much plastic.

¹ All comments have been copied verbatim from the survey, including typos.

- Anything to help reduce waste is important
- Offer more public recycle bins to allow people to dispose waste better
- I really hate to eat food out of the compostable plates and trays. Ick. Even so, I support the intent and hope plastics are outlawed.
- As long as we follow thru on both the trash end of things (help resident clearly identify what can be put where), and on the sourcing side of things, I think the idea is good. Unless our neighboring cities also join us in this effort, it might cause too much confusion.
- We need to take action to reduce waste. All the fear over COVID has only made the pollution worse - between single-use masks being tossed on the ground and the countless delivery food orders using single-use plastics for containing the food, our fear has only further destroyed our environment. Let's please try to fix some of this by stopping the waste. While it may not be a popular opinion, we humans are not THE MOST IMPORTANT THING in the universe and therefore we cannot sacrifice the planet the way we have. The planet is trying to bring us back into carrying capacity whether we want it or not. The least we could do for future generations is try to help the planet rather than let our fear destroy life as we know it on this planet.
- I'm glad to see us adopting this forward-thinking approach and I hope it goes through!
- Why can't you accept BPI certified compostable utensils in composting when the compostable bags initially provided by the city are also BPI certified? Other cities like Palo Alto don't have such a restriction.
- I am very excited that Mountain View is proposing this ordinance and would like to see it go into effect as soon as possible! During the pandemic I wanted to support local restaurants, but was reluctant to do so very often because of all the plastic waste caused by takeout orders. I have a drawer full of black plastic containers from various restaurants that I know is not recyclable. I would love to get the message to local restaurants that I, and I am sure others, would get takeout much more often if the containers used were compostable.
- This is great! Do you also provide the businesses information and potential initial discounts on the replacement compostable materials?

- This change will be most welcome. Before Covid, I used to bring my own containers for take-out. I am so tired of all the unrecyclable plastic waste generated by the restaurant industry. I'm sure the problem was magnified by the pandemic, when everyone was getting take-out. I encourage the Council to vote yes to reduce food service ware plastic waste.
- Ordinance is long over due. Please also consider plastic bag ordinance for restaurants and food service that matches grocery stores.
- Will all compostable products be accepted in the Recology yard waste containers?
- I hope neighboring cities adopt this ordinance also! I hate all the plastic that is going into the landfill.
- Is there anything we can do with the current black plastic takeout containers? I've heard they are not recycleable.
- I am strongly apposed to all the unnecessary use of plastic and non-compostable materials used for take-out and delivered foods. I would strongly support a ban or mandated reduction of the use of plastic, styrofoam, and other non-compostable, non-recyclable packaging. I would be willing to pay more for food that is packaged in a way that is more favorable to the environment.
- What is the impact on our local restaurants if only MV adopts this ordinance. Will they be adversely impacted by different rules from neighboring communities?
- I'm concerned about the timeline of the new potential ordinance and how it will be enforced
- I love this. I want to make sure that 'recyclable' plastics are still single use plastic. I do not trust Recycling... I do not trust that things actually get recycled. Mountain View lists most plastics as 'not recyclable' - things like clam-shells, black plastic, basically most things. At least this is honest, because with some companies that take recycling, who knows what REALLY happens to them- not me- and the 'recycled' material floating in the pacific had to come from somewhere! I trust composting locally. GO MOUNTAIN VIEW!!!!

- Please Stop giving out plastic forks, spoons and knives.
- Let's make sure that compostable food service items can be thrown in the compost/yard trimmings bins or in trash containers.
- How does the use of aluminum carry out containers help reduce waste? Compostable makes sense, but I hate eating with a flimsy fork or drinking from a paper straw. I think I would carry my own metal utensils. We can adapt...
- I am VERY unhappy with Mt. View's recycling program! While, yes, I agree with this food ordinance, I am still so unhappy with what is allowed in the recycling bins! I feel over the last 5-6 years we have filled our garbage bags/cans with more trash and our recycling bins with less items to recycle. I feel Mountain View used to be 'leaders' in recycling, but now I am so angry ever time I have to put a "clamshell" in the trash and NOT the container recycling container. Please, please reconsider the 'vendors' the plastics are sold to!!!
- I hope this passes. The increase in plastics use during the pandemic in many venues has been distressing.
- This is badly needed and I support this method of reducing waste. Am willing to pay more for restaurants' costs.
- Wish this had happened before the pandemic. Our household collected so much single use plastic waste from all the takeout meals, I wish we could have brought our own containers or that the single use containers were compostable.
- Is the government helping with the costs associated with the transition? I'm all for getting rid of single use plastics as long as small businesses are not hurt in the process.
- Get rid of straws
- In terms of solutions, I think we should encourage restaurants to only use metal/re-usable utensils. Any form of re-usable utensils, even if labeled environmentally friendly right now may not truly be the case. Thank you for considering this!

- "So why doesn't MV let someone who DOES compost compostable plastic have the compostable plastic to compost??"

And, while we are at it - since Recology has the garbage contract in MV but refuses to accept most of our recyclable plastic containers, why oh why do we award Recology that contract instead of letting someone have it who can actually perform???

And, why doesn't this Department or our City Officials crack the whip at Recology's heels and demand that those Recology People perform???

Thank You for listening and (I presume) doing the best you can!!!

- Also plastic bags to carry food should be replaced by paper, cloth reusable or compostible made carriers. AKA no plastic single use bags for food.
- How would enforcement look like (Customer-based complaints, spot-checking, annual audits, etc)? How does the city know whether the single-use are the correct materials (upstream auditing)? What education will be done for businesses?
- I don't need any cutlery with my take out. We have enough at home.
- Not enough exceptions allowed
- Would love to see creative ways to encourage restaurants to allow us to use our own containers for takeout
- After the pandemic I'd also appreciate it if we could have an easy way to bring our own containers, the same way that we use reusable coffee cups.
- Pre-COVID, our family would bring reusable containers to places for takeout. We would love a program that had reusable containers going forward! If we must use compostable things, I support items that do not have PFAS in them. Partnering with a company like Sparkl Reusables might be great too to kick things off.
- Ordinance should also ban sale of single use plastic items in store and extend to city functions
- Way to go! Thank you
- "I'm concerned that even with this ordinance in place, that Recology may not accept these compostable goods. Can you please ensure that this change is

coordinated with Recology so that the compostable goods can actually be composted by the local waste collection service?

We don't want the problem that already exists to be exacerbated which is: most plastics are not recyclable by Recology even though they have the recycle symbol on them. I wouldn't want the food service industry to spend significant money to change to compostable food ware only to not be able to readily compost the goods."

- That's a great proposal, thank you for caring about our environment.
- Good Start Packing started its business in Mountain View 10 years ago in the belief that one-time use plastics are so dangerous for our world. As a former employee of Good Start Packaging (now located on the East Coast for the owner to be closer to family), I was able to learn so much about compostable packaging. The more city/county/state ordinances for compostable one-time use containers, the less plastic. I'd also like to see some kind of ordinance that addresses the companies that use the most plastic--like Coca-Cola. If we could have an ordinance that would make the companies with the most plastic pollution be responsible for the clean-up, I believe we'd have more compostable packaging for convenience items, as well. Yes to compostable containers for take-out--and to taking it one step further!
- Making businesses switch to fully compostable service ware is a heavy expense right now at a time when most restaurants are struggling to even keep their doors open. If this is happening for sure, there needs to be some type of help financially for the businesses to help them make the transition. Compostable ware is still extremely expensive and not even easily accessible through all food/service vendors yet.
- I think compostable items should not be banned. Take out costs will just continue to increase because the cost of natural products are so high. I support reducing plastics but mandating restaurants is going to be very hard for some of them.
- I really wish your ordinance had a paragraph the gist of which is "It's okay for the customer to bring in their own clean refillable container and leave with our food in it."
- Why are polystyrene foam food containers still used in Mountain View?

- Would companies operating in Mountain View who have cafeterias also be required to follow this ordinance? I hope so. How would they get the word?
- Why aluminum? Why not strictly paper or bamboo, which is compostable?
- Lots of drinks require straws. Like slurpees and Boba tea. It would be impossible to drink without a straw! Please do not completely ban straws. You would be biasing a lot of Asian drinks that need it.
- Disposable food ware is a tricky issue, with the rise of takeout and fast-casual dining. However, it's an environmental problem that needs to be addressed. The sooner change is implemented, the sooner we all will get used to it. Thanks for being at the forefront! Hopeful that reusable dishware will become the norm at food establishments in Mountain View.
- Worried about the burden it places on businesses, and that currently COVID transmission is still a huge factor (no self-service of anything). We use compostable plastic and it will be difficult to find other cups for our cold drink service. All of our drinks are "to go."