



County of Los Alamos

Council Meeting Staff Report

July 9, 2019

Agenda No.: A.
Indexes (Council Goals): * 2019 Council Goal - N/A
Presenters: Citizens of Los Alamos
Legislative File: P0061-19

Title

Citizen Petition Requesting Council Ban the Use/Distribution of Plastic Bags, Plastic Straws, and Styrofoam Containers

Recommended Action

I move that Council acknowledge the petition, thank the petitioners for their recommendation (s)/request(s) and take no further action.

OR

I move that Council acknowledge the petition, thank the petitioners for the recommendation (s)/request(s) and request that staff investigate/research the matter and return to Council with information, options and/or a recommendation for action within ____ days.

OR

I move that Council acknowledge the petition, thank the petitioners for their recommendation/request and take the action requested (or another specific action that Council determines it wishes to take).

County Manager's Recommendation

The County Manager does not make a recommendation with regard to this Petition.

Body

On June 18, 2019, Ann LePage submitted a petition on behalf of 42 people, at least 5 of whom are registered voters of Los Alamos County, calling on the County Council to ban the use and distribution of plastic bags, plastic straws, and styrofoam containers. The petition is contained in Attachment A.

As provided for in the Los Alamos County Code, the Council shall place on the agenda of its next regular meeting the subject of any written request signed by five or more qualified voters of the County and presented to the county clerk at least ten (10) days prior to that meeting. This item is being placed on the Council agenda for acknowledgement and possible discussion and/or action.

It should be noted that a citizen petition was previously submitted in 2015 requesting that "Council pass an ordinance prohibiting retail establishments from distributing single-use plastic carryout bags to their customers and mandating a \$0.10 fee on paper bags to be collected and retained by the merchant." Attachment B is the staff report and other materials associated with that petition when the final discussion and action was taken by Council in August 2015.

Attachments

- A - Citizen Petition Regarding Ban on Plastic Bags
- B - Previous Petition Material