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VIA EMAIL TO:

The Honorable Bill Rosendahl, Councilmember

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The Honorable Paul Koretz, Councilmember,

5th District, City of Los Angeles

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Dear Councilmembers:

By unanimous vote at its regular monthly meeting held January 8, 2013, the Mar Vista Community Council Board reaffirms its support for a statewide polystyrene ban and hereby forwards the June 2011 MVCC Motion in support of SB 568, a Statewide Polystyrene Ban, as a proposed policy motion asking the LA City Council to ban restaurants within the City from distributing food in polystyrene (aka, Styrofoam) food containers.

At a time when local agencies are facing budget challenges, the costs incurred to deal with polystyrene waste clean-up are significant. This is especially true of Southern California communities with impaired waterways that are required by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to reduce litter. Since 2001, Southern California cities have spent in excess of \$1.7 billion removing trash from our storm drain systems leading to the L.A. River and our local watershed, Ballona Creek, in order to comply with EPA storm water regulations.

The Mar Vista Community Council therefore expresses its support for reducing litter and waste generated from polystyrene foam takeout food packaging by prohibiting a food vendor from dispensing prepared food to a customer in a polystyrene foam food container in the City of Los Angeles.

. Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter,

Sincerely,

Sharon Commins, Chair Mar Vista Community Council