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Robert Wunderlich, Mayor

October 6, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom Governor, State of California State Capitol, Governor's Office Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1276 (Carrillo) – Single-use food accessories

The City of Beverly Hills – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the City of Beverly Hills, I am pleased to express the City's SUPPORT for AB 1276 (Carrillo), which requires food facilities and third-party delivery platforms provide single-use foodware and beverage accessories such as utensils, straws, and condiment packages only upon request by the consumer.

California's local governments and taxpayers spend over \$428 million annually in an ongoing effort to clean up and prevent litter in streets, storm drains, parks, and waterways. Recyclers are also faced with a worsening crisis as the vast majority of these non-recycled single-use food accessories debase recycling systems and contaminate many commercial compost facilities. This increases the costs to collect, sort, process, and dispose of these items for cities and ratepayers.

Controlling plastic pollution involves source reduction in addition to proper endof-life management. AB 1276 will help reduce the amount of single-use food ware used in California, which has the combined benefits of source reducing the amount of waste generated and potentially reducing the amount of single-use food ware that is littered or otherwise improperly managed. For these reasons, we are pleased to SUPPORT AB 1276 and request you SIGN this measure. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert Wunderlich

Robert Wunderlich, Mayor City of Beverly Hills

cc: The Honorable Wendy Carrillo, Assemblymember 51st District The Honorable Ben Allen, Senator 26th District The Honorable Richard Bloom, Assemblyman 50th District Andrew Antwih, Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange