



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

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Assembly Member Mark Stone  
State Capitol, Room 3146  
Sacramento, CA 94249

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Mayor

**RE: AB 2779 (Stone) Recycling: Single-use plastic beverage container caps  
Letter of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Stone:

*Joe Mosca*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas is pleased to write in support of AB 2779 (Stone), a bill which requires all single-use plastic beverage containers sold in California to have the bottle caps tethered to the bottle or designed such that caps are not separable from the bottle. This bill is important because it will help reduce plastic cap litter in our streets, parks, waterways and in the ocean. This bill also helps support the zero waste goals in our City's Climate Action Plan.

*Tasha Boerner Horvath*  
Council Member

By 2050 there will be more plastic than fish in the ocean. Bottle caps rank 3<sup>rd</sup> highest in beach litter collected each year. This litter is harmful to wildlife, such as seabirds, which are killed each year either through ingestion or injury from the sharp edges of degraded plastic puncture wounds. As a coastal community, we feel the need to do everything possible to reduce plastic pollution and protect our ocean and wildlife.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

Californians purchase 11.7 billion beverages in plastic bottles each year. There are 5 billion plastic bottle caps that don't get recycled and end up in the environment every year. Many recyclers already have the technology to separate the various plastics after they are ground. Connecting the bottle cap is a simple solution that makes economic sense for beverage companies and is good for the environment.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas supports your bill, and applauds your effort to improve the environment.

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Blakespear  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

CC: Senator Patricia Bates  
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
City Council  
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Erin Evans-Fudem, League of California Cities  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities  
Public Works Department