



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

January 17, 2018

Assemblymember Rocky Chavez
State Capitol, Suite 2170
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: AB 319 (Stone) Plastic Bottle Cap Recycling
Letter of Support**

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

Dear Assemblymember Chavez:

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

I am writing to encourage you to support AB 319 (Stone), a bill which requires that all single-use plastic beverage containers sold in California 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 oceans. This bill also helps support the zero waste goals in the City's Climate Action Plan.

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

Bottle caps rank 3rd highest in beach litter collected each year. This litter is harmful to wildlife, such as seabirds, which are killed each year by ingesting the colorful plastic caps which are mistaken for food. 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, despite the fact that the caps are recyclable. Connecting the bottle cap is a win-win solution that protects the environment while helping local governments meet their recycling goals.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

As the Mayor of a coastal city, I see firsthand the impacts of unrecycled plastic bottle caps on our beaches and our environment. Your support of AB 319 is strongly encouraged.

Thank you,

Mark Muir
Council Member

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor of Encinitas

cc: Assemblymember Stone

Karen P. Brust
City Manager