

Sayers, Margery

From: Walsh, Elizabeth
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 9:42 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Vote YES on CB 64

Testimony

From: Janice Winter <janicewinter29@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, November 21, 2019 7:04 AM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth <ewalsh@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Vote YES on CB 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Ms. Walsh,

And the students shall lead.....

I attended the County Council work session and was impressed by all of the students that prepared and presented inspiring testimony in support of CB64. These students were impassioned about the environment that they are growing up in and still untainted by the politics as usual.. Please put aside the politics and take a step toward a cleaner earth by voting YES on CB64.

Thank you,
Janice Winter
A concerned citizen
3134 Kings Court
Ellicott City, Maryland 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: Jung, Deb
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 4:47 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Please support plastics bill

Deb Jung
Councilmember, District 4
Howard County Council
3430 Court House Dr., Ellicott City, MD 21043
410-313-2001

Sign-up for my District Update [here](#).

From: Nancyellen Brennan <nancyellen@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 5:05 PM
To: Jung, Deb <djung@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Please support plastics bill

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

It's time for Howard County to get on the bandwagon !

Nancyellen Brennan
10625 Hickory Crest Lane
Columbia, Md21044

Sayers, Margery

From: Carolyn Parsa <carolyn.parsa@mdsierra.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 20, 2019 11:53 AM
To: Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Walsh, Elizabeth
Cc: Ball, Calvin; CouncilMail
Subject: Support for CB-64
Attachments: CR-64.pdf; HoCo Shopper Survey Results.pdf

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Attached please find the testimony for CB-64 from the Howard County Sierra Club and the preliminary results from the 2019 Shopper Survey done in Howard County.

Thank you.

--

Carolyn Parsa
Sierra Club Howard County Chair

November 18, 2019



Sierra Club Howard County

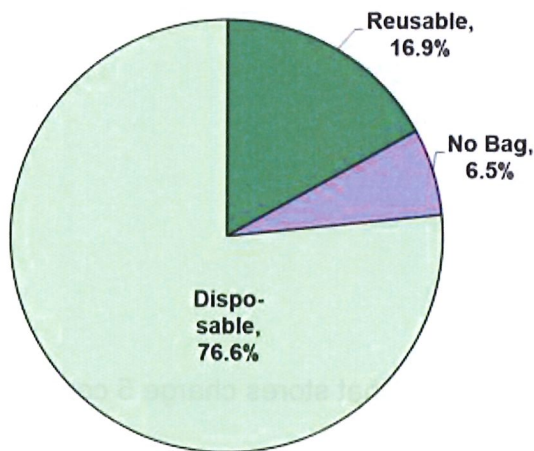
RE: CB-64 Imposing a fee on plastic bags

Support with a recommended amendment to mandate that stores charge 5 cents on paper bags at point of sale

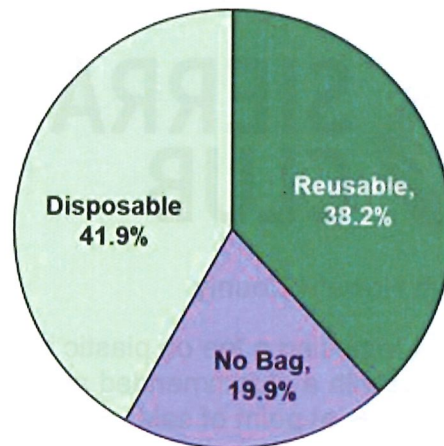
The Sierra Club supports the reduction of single use bags at the point of sale. The goal of this legislation is to encourage shoppers to bring reusable bags to the store. The 5 cent fee brings attention to the plastic bag and prompts a question to the shopper, "Do I really need that bag?" When given the option of paying 5 cents per bag, or using a reusable bag, or taking no bag at all, we start to change our mindset. We become more aware of the choices we have and how each one of us can take action to reduce single use plastics. This is the kind of change we need and the Sierra Club is glad that the County Council is moving ahead with this important legislation.

Plastic production and pollution have reached alarming levels world-wide and this Howard County bill could help us take an important step right here in our county to help mitigate this global problem. Plastic bags have a high environmental cost on each end of their lifespan. In production, plastic bags use fossil fuel, which not only is limited in supply world-wide, but also contributes to climate change when used. After a plastic bag is used by the shopper, it continues to cause trouble in the environment. Only 1% percent of plastic bags are recycled, and the remaining ones persist in the environment because plastic bags don't break down, but instead break up into smaller and smaller particles. News coverage has been extensive on the widespread plastic that lingers in our environment and the damage it causes, however, we are just now starting to realize that we know very little about the human health effects. Plastics become micro-plastics, and have been found in our food, air and drinking water. We don't yet understand what the consequences of our own exposure to these microplastics will be. It is important that we take steps now on every level to curb its production and eventual release into the environment.

Looking at Howard County, the Sierra Club and Less Plastic Please conducted a survey of supermarket shoppers done in 2019. This survey shows that 16.9% of shoppers use reusable bags, while in Montgomery County, which has a bag fee of 5 cents, 38.2% of shoppers use reusable bags. The percentage of shoppers who refuse a bag at checkout also increases from 6.5% to 19.9%. This is a significant decrease in disposable bag use.



Howard County, 2019 (no fee)
(19 stores, 3185 shoppers)



Montgomery County, 2019 (5-cent fee)
(57 stores; 9,580 shoppers)

To further encourage shoppers to bring reusable bags to the store, we do recommend additionally that the County Council amend this bill to include having the stores charge 5 cents for paper bags. This amount would not be collected by Howard County, but instead would be a charge (like a price) that the store would keep. If it is possible for the County Council to implement a mandate that stores must charge 5 cents per paper bag without the process of going back to the general assembly, this could strengthen CB-64 in a few ways.

First, it would give shoppers more incentive to bring their own bags to the store. If shoppers had the same fee (from their point of view) for paper and plastic, then they would be less likely to simply switch from plastic to paper. They would be more likely to start bringing bags to the store in order to avoid plastic and paper bags, thus reducing disposable bag use. That would bring about the main goal of the legislation, which is to reduce disposable bags. Second, this charge on paper that the store can keep will help them offset the cost of supplying paper bags. This could lead to more support for this bill from retailers. And, third, adding a charge on paper as well as plastic will make this legislation more like other bag legislation that has passed locally.

The idea of stores charging for their bags is not new and is currently being done at the Aldi's Supermarket. From Aldi's website FAQ page:

Q. Why do you charge for shopping bags?

A. At ALDI, we believe in bringing our customers the highest quality products at the lowest possible prices through a number of operational savings. Given our simple approach to retailing, one of the ways we help our customers save money is by encouraging them to bring their own shopping bags or to purchase a reusable, long-lasting ALDI bag. The end result is that we not only save our customers money – by avoiding adding the cost of the bag to our prices – but also precious resources.

This goes along with the testimony from the Retailers Association that stores do not support the legislation because it would increase their operating cost to supply free paper bags at 8-17 cents each, (instead of plastic bags which cost them 1-3 cents each). The cost of supplying bags is one of the top operating costs for retail stores, and this is why discount stores (like Aldi & Costco) do not supply them for free.

It is important to mention that, if this amendment could be added to CB-64 now, this would save us time in getting bag legislation passed this year, or early next year. Going back to the General Assembly for authorization to charge a 5 cent fee for paper that the county could collect would cause a year or more delay in getting this legislation passed. The best thing for the environment would be to amend the legislation with a mandate that the stores can charge 5 cents and then keep the 5 cents. If this is within the authority of the Howard County Council, please consider making this strengthening amendment to the bill.

Thank you for your time in hearing testimony from the Sierra Club.

Carolyn Parsa
Chair Howard County Sierra Club

Please also find the attached document "2019 Shopper Survey, Howard County" to go with this testimony.

2019 Shopper Survey, Howard County

Conducted by the Howard County Sierra Club and Less Plastic Please

Preliminary Results

November 2019

- *From August 11 – September 7, 2019, volunteers observed and recorded weekend grocery shoppers' bag choices in 21 grocery stores in Howard County that provide "free" carryout bags – one hour per store exit.*
- *The results provide a baseline of shoppers' bag choices in Howard County (before any legislation) and point to the overwhelming use of single-use plastic bags in these stores.*
- *Comparison of these results with those from other counties in Maryland and with stores that don't provide free carryout bags provide insight on the impact of alternative policies.*

The grocery stores visited:

Main sample: All of the stores in six chains – Food Lion, Giant, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Wegmans, Weis Markets.

International stores: LA Mart (Columbia), Lotte Plaza Market (Ellicott City)

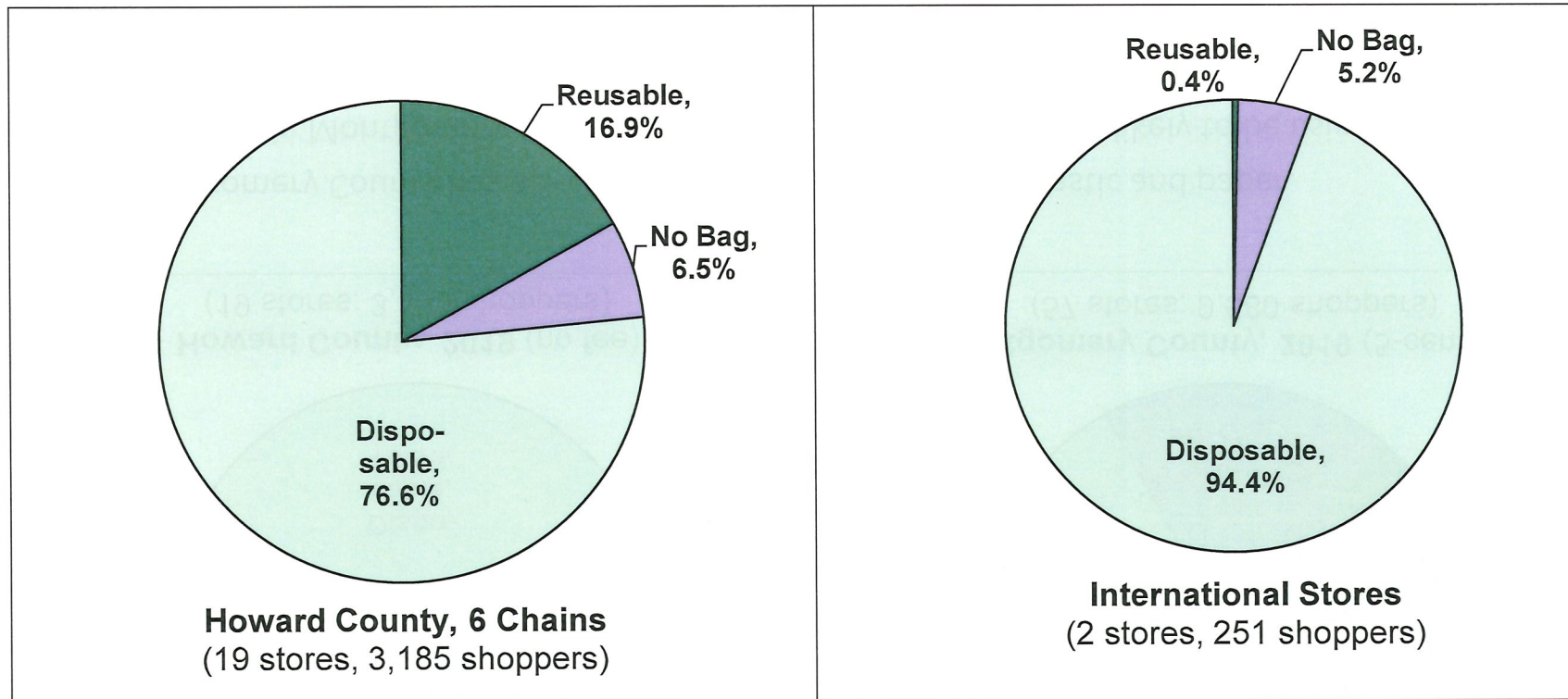
All of these stores provide free carryout bags.

The six categories of bag use:

- (1) Only reusable bags, with or without other unbagged items
- (2) A mix of reusable bags and single-use paper or plastic (“disposable”) bags, with or without other unbagged items
- (3) Exclusively plastic disposable bags, with or without other unbagged items
- (4) Exclusively paper disposable bags, with or without other unbagged items
- (5) A mix of paper and plastic disposable bags, with or without other unbagged items
- (6) Exclusively unbagged items

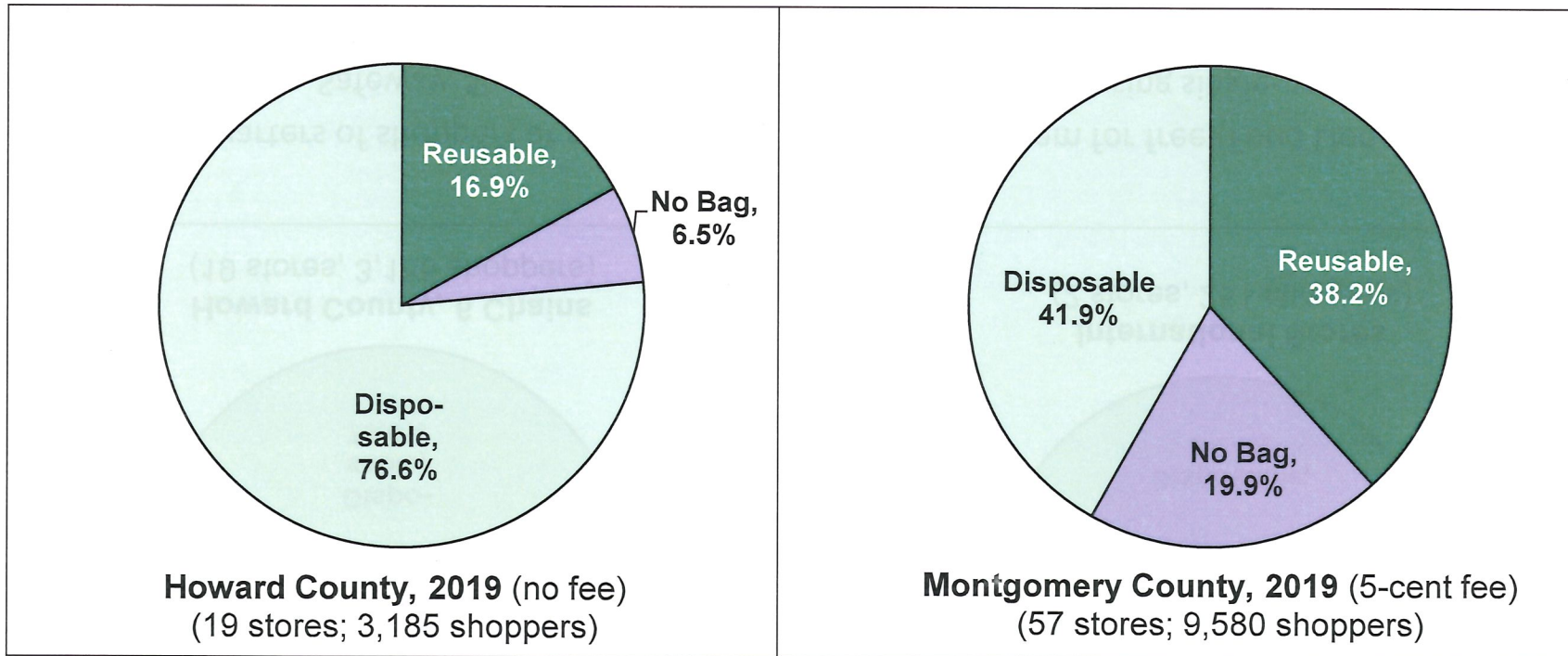
(1)+(2) = “Reusable”; (3)+(4)+(5) = “Disposable”; (6) = “No Bag”

I. Baseline bag use when checkout bags are provided “free”



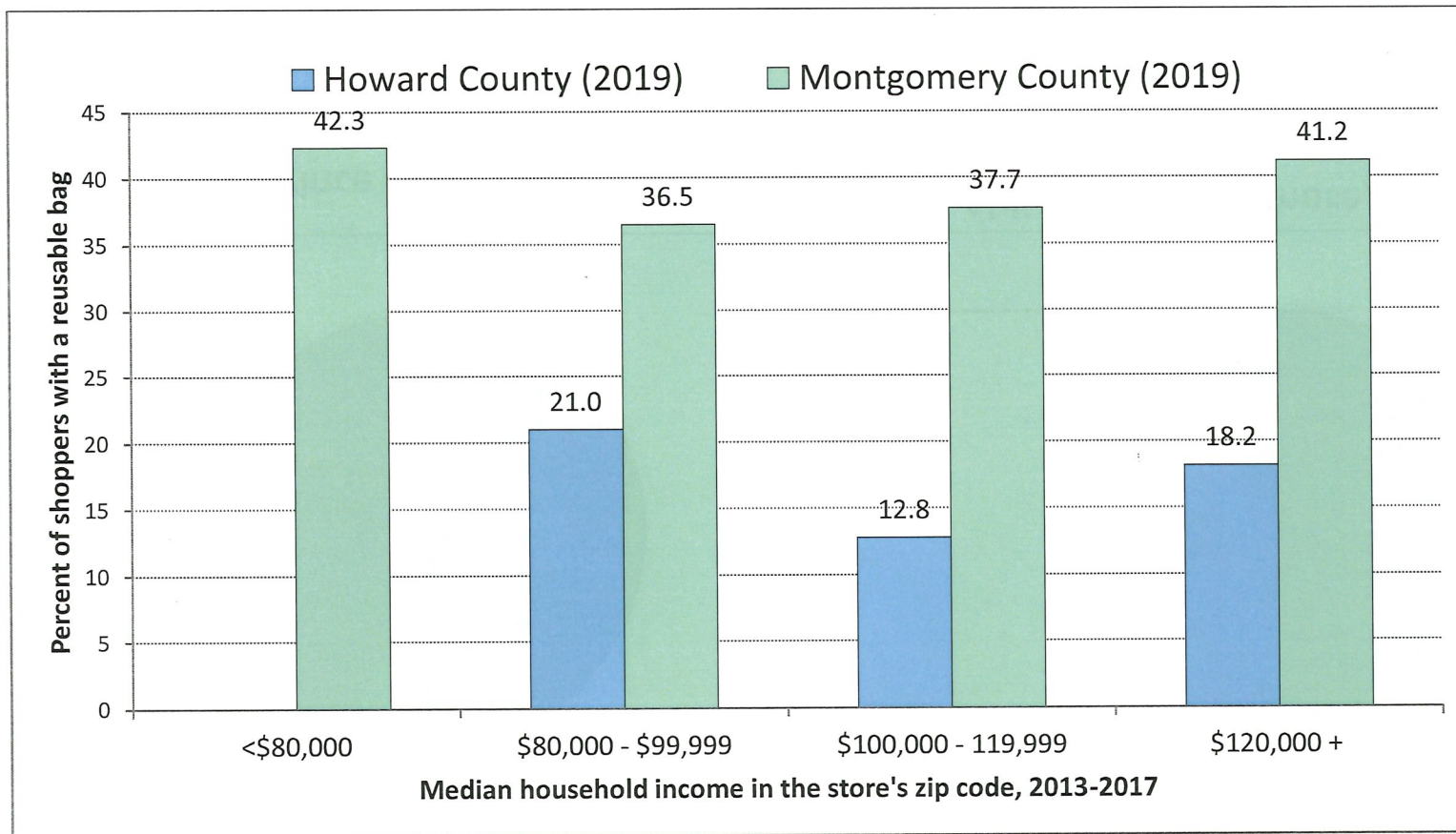
- Three quarters of shoppers at popular chains that provide them for free (Food Lion, Giant, Harris Teeter, Safeway, Shoppers, Wegmans, Weis Markets) are using single-use disposable bags.
- 98-99% of the shoppers with disposable bags had exclusively plastic bags.

II. Impact of 5-cent fee on both plastic & paper bags on shopper behavior

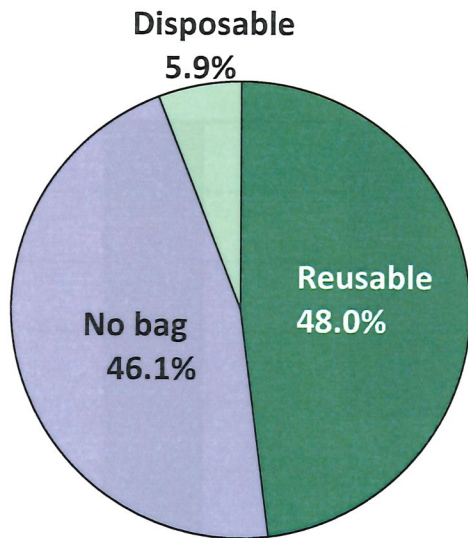


- Montgomery County has a 5-cent tax on all carryout bags, plastic and paper.
- Shoppers in Montgomery County at the same chains are far less likely to be using single-use bags, and more likely to use reusable bags or no bag at all.

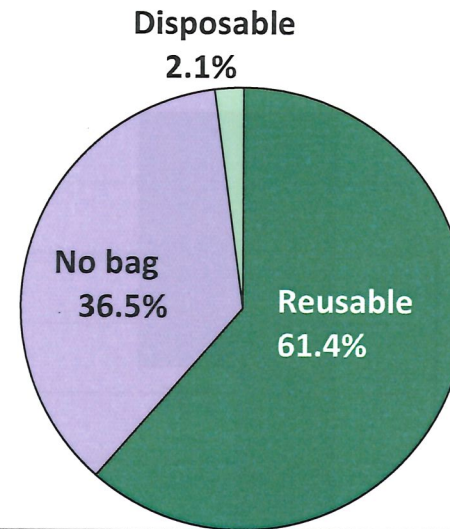
The difference in shopper behavior persists, even when we control for the median household income in the store's zip code (see below).



III. Aldi and Lidl: No plastic offered & a fee on paper & other bags



Aldi & Lidl, Prince George's County, 2019
(13 stores; 1,550 shoppers)



Aldi, City of Baltimore, 2019
(4 stores, 466 shoppers)

- Aldi and Lidl stores do not hand out free bags or thin plastic bags. They charge for all bags. As a result, both reusable bag use and no bag use are very high. Fewer than 10% use a single-use bag, and they are virtually all paper.
- The high propensity of shoppers using no bag at all is a reason not to exempt low-income people

Why we need a fee on paper, no matter what the policy

- A simple ban or fee on plastic bags will result in a shift to paper, with big environmental consequences:
 - About 14 million trees are felled annually for paper bag production
 - Toxic chemicals are used for production of paper, contributing to air pollution, acid rain, and water pollution
 - Paper bag production generates 70% more air and 50 times more water pollution than does production of plastic bags
 - It takes 90% less energy to recycle a pound of plastic than it takes to recycle a pound of paper
- Paper bags do not decompose in a landfill.
- Paper bags are much more expensive to provide by stores than are plastic bags (7 cents vs. 1 cent); there will be strong opposition from retailers.
- The objective of policy, therefore, should be to provide incentives for shoppers to bring reusable bags or not to use a bag at all

Sayers, Margery

From: Lisa Schlossnagle <lisabmrss@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 19, 2019 4:40 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Support CB 64 - plastic bag fee
Attachments: Bag-tax-results-memo-PUBLIC.FINAL_.pdf

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council,

Please pass CB-64 to enact a fee on disposable plastic shopping bags. These bags harm our environment through their production, which contributes to increased carbon emissions, and through the tremendous amount of land and water pollution they cause as they are disposed.

Many jurisdictions have wrestled with this issue and a review of the various legislative solutions reveals that a fee on shopping bags, such as that proposed here, is effective at changing shopper behavior. For example, Chicago even repealed its ban and implemented a fee after seeing the ban did not provide the positive impact it desired. (See attachment for more details) We want to shift shoppers into using reusable bags, and this fee is an immediate step in creating that shift.

I am very glad to see that the fee will be used to support environmental cleanup efforts, as well. This bill creates the conditions that shift behaviors towards reducing the source of this plastic pollution while also providing revenue for remediation projects.

If there are amendments to be made, please let them prioritize the positive environmental outcomes we desperately need.

Thank you,
Lisa Schlossnagle
Fulton - District 4



Preliminary study suggests Chicago's bag tax reduces disposable bag use by over 40 percent

Summary. In November 2016, the Chicago City Council repealed its ban on disposable plastic bags and replaced it with a seven-cent tax on disposable paper and plastic bags, effective February 1, 2017.^{i,ii} The City of Chicago commissioned a joint study with the behavioral design lab ideas42 and researchers from New York University and the University of Chicago Energy & Environment Lab to track bag use at large grocery chains in Chicago and surrounding suburbs before and after the tax went into effect.

Preliminary results from this study show that Chicago's bag tax has already led to a significant decrease in both the number of disposable bags used and number of customers using disposable bags. Prior to implementation, customers shopping in the study's sample stores in Chicago used an average of just over two disposable bags per trip, with over 80 percent of customers using at least one disposable bag. After the tax was implemented, the average number of disposable bags used per shopping trip decreased by roughly one bag per trip—over a 40 percent decrease. Additionally, less than 50 percent of customers in Chicago used any disposable bags after the tax was implemented—a decrease of more than 30 percentage points.

Background. One hundred billion plastic bags are used annually in the United States.ⁱⁱⁱ While plastic bags are often recyclable, only a small percentage actually are recycled (just over five percent according to one of the latest studies from the EPA).^{iv} Most plastic bags that are not recycled end up in landfills, where estimates suggest it can take them up to 1,000 years to decompose. Paper bags also have significant environmental impacts; for example, the paper industry—including paper bags and other paper products—contributed to 20 percent of all toxic air releases in the US in 2015.^v

Starting in 2015, in an effort to curb disposable bag use, the City of Chicago banned chain stores from providing disposable plastic bags at checkout. However, the ban excluded plastic bags that met certain requirements, including but not limited to being at least 2.25 mils thick.^{vi}

In November 2016, the Chicago City Council repealed the ban on plastic bags and replaced it with a seven-cent tax on all paper and plastic checkout bags, starting on February 1, 2017.^{vii}

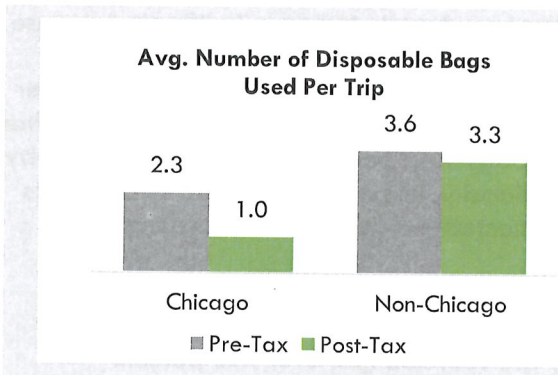
Reasons for a Tax Instead of a Ban. While the 2015 ban eliminated the use of certain types of disposable bags, it left others unregulated. As a result, many stores chose to offer the permitted thicker plastic checkout bags rather than eliminate plastic bags altogether,^{viii} which may have minimized the environmental impact of the law.^{ix,x} Since stores simply substituted one type of plastic bag for another, there was no strong cue to customers to change their behavior, and many continued to use the thicker, “reusable” plastic bags as single-use bags. Separate from the ban, some Chicago stores use small rewards to incentivize reusable bag use, but previous research has shown that these rewards are similarly ineffective.^{xi}

In contrast, disposable bag taxes have been shown to have a significant behavioral impact. For example, a five-cent tax on disposable paper and plastic bags in the Washington, D.C. area led to a large reduction in overall disposable bag use.^{xii} The differential impact of the tax on disposable bag use and a

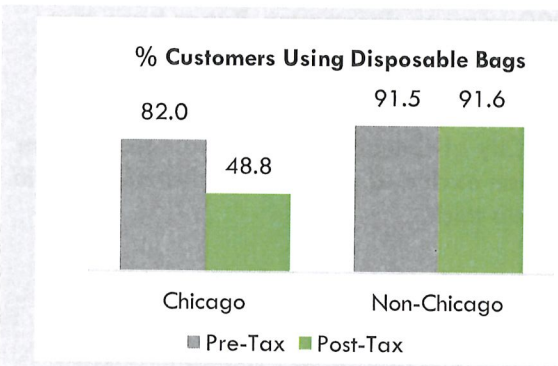
reward for reusable bag use is consistent with the concept of loss aversion, i.e., individuals experience losses more strongly than they do gains of the same amount. ^{xiii}

Additionally, although Chicago’s seven-cent tax is a small fee, it was designed to be more salient than the ban. While customers may not notice that their grocery store has switched to providing thicker plastic bags as a result of the ban, research suggests that customers are likely to notice when an item that they previously received for free now comes at a price, ^{xiv} thus bringing their bag use to the top of their minds.

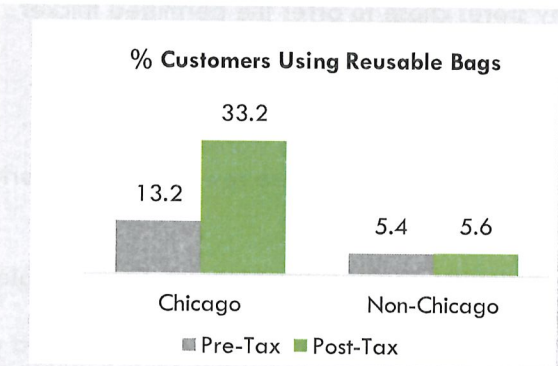
Results. This study compares shopping bag use for 14,168 customers shopping at large grocery store chains in Chicago and surrounding suburbs in the months just before and after the bag tax implementation. The results reported here are based on raw, unadjusted data. The results remain robust after controlling for various demographic and neighborhood factors. ^{xv}



Prior to the implementation of the tax, customers in Chicago used an average of 2.3 disposable bags per shopping trip. Preliminary analysis suggests that the average number of disposable bags used per shopping trip decreased by 1.3 bags in the first month that the tax was in effect in Chicago, but only 0.3 bags in the stores outside of Chicago that were not subject to the tax. Taken together, this suggests that the tax led to a 42 percent reduction in the average number of disposable bags used per trip.

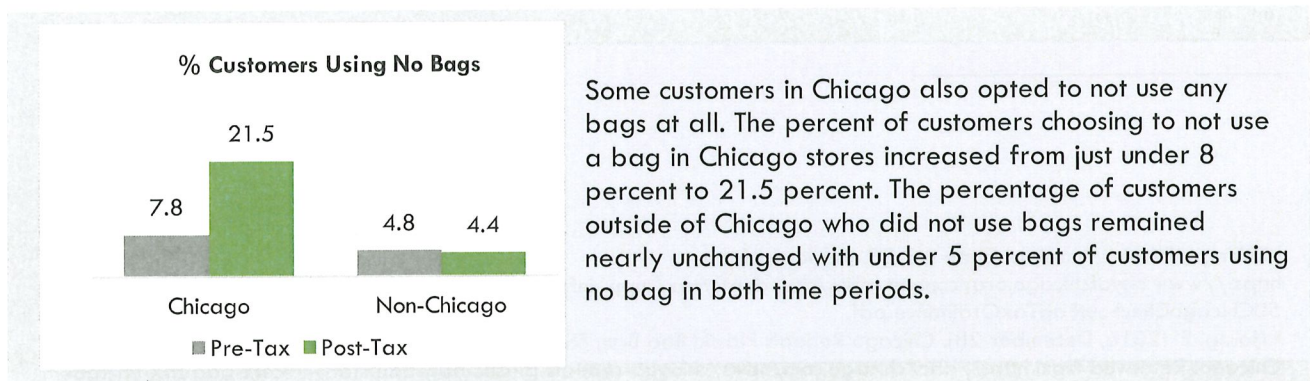


While the majority of customers in Chicago (82 percent) used at least one disposable bag prior to the implementation of the tax, only 49 percent used a disposable bag in the first month after the tax was in effect—a decrease of 33 percentage points. In contrast, there was no significant change in disposable bag use in stores outside of Chicago.



After the tax was implemented, many customers in Chicago switched from disposable bags to reusable bags. Reusable bag use in Chicago jumped from 13 percent to 33 percent after the tax was implemented—an increase of 20 percentage points.

Note: around 3 percent of customers used both a disposable bag and a reusable bag.



Discussion. This year, Chicago joined Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle as one of the largest cities in the U.S. to implement a tax on disposable paper and plastic bags.^{xvi} While the debate about the effectiveness of disposable bag taxes continues,^{xvii} this preliminary evaluation in Chicago contributes to the growing literature of evidence-based research on the effectiveness of disposable bag regulations. In commissioning this study, the City has been proactive in determining the extent and magnitude of the effects of its policies on Chicago customers. Moreover, the study provides information that can assist other municipalities in making decisions about the use of different policy tools aimed at decreasing disposable bag use.

This study suggests that the Chicago bag tax significantly decreased disposable bag use in the first month after implementation. Additional data collection and analysis are planned in 2017 to estimate the longer-term behavioral effects of the tax.

Research Team

Tatiana Homonoff: Assistant Professor of Economics at New York University’s Robert F. Wagner School of Public Service. Professor Homonoff previously served as a Faculty Fellow at the White House’s Social and Behavioral Sciences Team. Contact Tatiana Homonoff at Tatiana.Homonoff@nyu.edu.

ideas42: ideas42 is a behavioral science research and design firm. In collaboration with the City of Chicago Mayor’s Office, ideas42 uses behavioral science to help inform and improve public policy and programs.

University of Chicago Energy & Environment Lab: The Energy & Environment Lab partners with civic and community partners to identify, rigorously evaluate, and help scale energy and environmental programs and policies with the greatest potential to improve human lives. Contact Matt Smith at matthewsmith@uchicago.edu.

For more information, contact Doug Palmer at dpalmer@ideas42.org.

-
- ⁱ Chicago, Illinois, Municipal Code § 3-50. Retrieved from: https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/rev/supp_info/TaxPublicationsandReports/3-50ChicagoCheckoutBagTaxOrdinance.pdf.
- ⁱⁱ Horng, E. (2016, December 28). Chicago Repeals Plastic Bag Ban, Starts 7-Cent Bag Tax on Feb. 1. ABC Inc., WLS-TV Chicago. Retrieved from <http://abc7chicago.com/news/chicago-repeals-plastic-bag-ban-starts-7-cent-bag-tax-on-feb-1/1676969/>
- ⁱⁱⁱ Clapp, J., & Swanston, L. (2009). Doing away with plastic shopping bags: international patterns of norm emergence and policy implementation. *Environmental Politics*, 18(3), 315-332.
- ^{iv} United States Environmental Protection Agency (2006). Municipal solid waste in the United States: facts and figures, March [online]. Retrieved from: <http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/pubs/mswchar05.pdf>.
- ^v United States Environmental Protection Agency (2017). Air Releases by Industry in the 2015 TRI Analysis [online]. Retrieved from: <https://www.epa.gov/trinationalanalysis/air-releases-industry-2015-tri-national-analysis>.
- ^{vi} Chicago, Illinois, Amendment of Municipal Code Chapter 11-4 by adding Article XXIII. Retrieved from: <https://chicago.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=1676473&GUID=E704F6F5-3960-4327-BC60-07B8766C35FA&Options=Advanced&Search=>.
- ^{vii} Chicago, Illinois, Municipal Code § 3-50. Retrieved from: https://www.cityofchicago.org/content/dam/city/depts/rev/supp_info/TaxPublicationsandReports/3-50ChicagoCheckoutBagTaxOrdinance.pdf.
- ^{viii} Elejalde-Ruiz, A. (2015, June 20). The result of Chicago plastic bag ban: Shopping bags to be sturdier. *Chicago Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-plastic-bag-ban-0622-biz-20150622-story.html>
- ^{ix} Scheibe, T. (2016, August 1). Has Chicago's Plastic Bag Ban Helped? *Chicago Magazine*. Retrieved from <http://www.chicagomag.com/Chicago-Magazine/August-2016/Plastic-Bag-Ban/>
- ^x Elejalde-Ruiz, A. (2016, February 1). Six months in, Chicago's plastic bag ban a mixed bag. *Chicago Tribune*. Retrieved from <http://www.chicagotribune.com/business/ct-plastic-bag-ban-0131-biz-20160129-story.html>
- ^{xi} Homonoff, T. A. (2013). Can Small Incentives Have Large Effects? The Impact of Taxes versus Bonuses on Disposable Bag Use (Working Paper No. #575). *Industrial Relations Section*. Princeton, NJ.
- ^{xii} 51 percent reduction; Homonoff, T. A. (2013). Can Small Incentives Have Large Effects? The Impact of Taxes versus Bonuses on Disposable Bag Use (Working Paper No. #575). *Industrial Relations Section*. Princeton, NJ.
- ^{xiii} Tversky, A., & Kahneman, D. (1991). Loss aversion in riskless choice: A reference-dependent model. *The quarterly journal of economics*, 106(4), 1039-1061.
- ^{xiv} Shampanier, K., Mazar, N., & Ariely, D. (2007). Zero as a special price: The true value of free products. *Marketing science*, 26(6), 742-757.
- ^{xv} Differences between graphs and reported numbers are due to rounding.
- ^{xvi} State Plastic and Paper Bag Legislation. (2016, November 11). Retrieved from <http://www.ncsl.org/research/environment-and-natural-resources/plastic-bag-legislation.aspx>
- ^{xvii} McKinley, J. (2017, February 14). Cuomo Blocks New York City Plastic Bag Law. *The New York Times*. Retrieved from https://www.nytimes.com/2017/02/14/nyregion/cuomo-blocks-new-york-city-plastic-bag-law.html?_r=0

Sayers, Margery

From: Sarah Richardson Fahrendorf <sarahbeth@alumni.virginia.edu>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 5:22 PM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: Please Support County Council Bill 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Councilmembers: I write to inform you of my total and enthusiastic support for County Council Bill 64 which would place a 5 cent fee on single use plastic bags available at retail stores throughout our county. I recently spoke to my son's Cub Scout den (Pack 606 at Hammond Elementary School) about the devastating effects of too much plastic, including plastic bags. We were all shocked to learn that the actual (intended) use of a plastic bag lasts for only about 11 minutes. Gosh, what a shame, when we stop to consider the effects on our wildlife and the damaged aesthetics of our landscapes. It's just not worth it.

The only thing I don't like about this bill is that I worry that five cents is TOO SMALL of a tax. But, I am hopeful that this tax will still have a strong enough effect to result in many people's change of habits, such as bringing their own cloth bags (or other reusable bags) for future shopping trips.

Thank you for considering this important bill and for your service to our county.

Regards,

Sarah Fahrendorf
10723 Twin Overlook Place
Laurel, MD 20723

Sayers, Margery

From: Kimberly Clawson <Kimberly_Clawson@hcpss.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:20 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail; Jones, Opel; CouncilMail; Rigby, Christiana; CouncilMail; Jung, Deb; CouncilMail; Yungmann, David
Subject: Please support CB64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council member,
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can move forward and turn the tide on plastic pollution. This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers actions and the impact their actions have on the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

I am a teacher in this county. The students are dismayed by the number of plastic bags that are littering our outdoor space. We truly believe that the tax will make a positive difference. People just need to make it a habit to travel with reusable bags. The tax revenue can help us educate the public about how detrimental the single use plastics are for our environment. 50% of all plastics are used once and thrown away. We need to do better.

Plastic bags in particular have a plethora of negative impacts:

Plastic bags are not biodegradable. They clog waterways, spoil the landscape, and end up in landfills where they may take 1,000 years or more to break up into ever smaller particles that continue to pollute the soil and water.

Plastic bags continue to release Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they break up.

Plastic bags in drainage pipes pollutes water directly or indirectly.

Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.

Trillions of bags are produced yearly worldwide, with only 1% being recycled.

Finally, producing plastic bags requires millions of gallons of petroleum that could be used for transportation or heating.

We do not have time to wait.

The County Council board has this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Let's be that

leadership others will follow. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,
Kim Clawson
13420 Triadelphia Mill RD
Clarksville, MD 21029

Connectedness-Relator-Belief-Harmony-Learner

Sayers, Margery

From: Harris, Michael
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:07 PM
To: Sayers, Margery
Cc: Bailey, Najee; Jones, Opel
Subject: FW: CB42 - Bags

From: Kimberlee Drake <kimdrakeenv@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 4:06 PM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>; Harris, Michael <mrharris@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: CB42 - Bags

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Hi Councilman Jones and Special assistant Harris,

I support CB62 to require a specified fee on certain disposable bags.

I support a 5 cent fee on plastic bags.

I support an amendment to include that retailers are required to collect a fee for paper bags that they can keep.

I support that 4 of the 5 cents from the plastic bag fee go toward the Disposable Plastics Reduction Fund.

While I would support a ban on plastic bags, if that cannot be done under the CB64, then I would want CB64 passed in December 2019 with an amendment to require retailers to collect a fee on paper as well.

Then I would request a new bill to ban plastic bags all together.

Thank you,
Kim Drake
District 2

Sayers, Margery

From: EUMC Green Team <eumcgreenteam@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 3:49 PM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb
Subject: CB64-2019 Letters of support & 1 letter of opposition
Attachments: CB64-2019 letters of support.pdf; CB64-2019 Letter of opposition.jpg

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Greetings,

I am writing in reference to CB64-2019 – Plastic bag fee.

I am attaching 22 letters of support for CB64 and 1 letter of opposition for CB64.

Letters of support by District:

1 letter for District 1
1 letter for District 2
9 letters for District 3
11 letters for District 4

Letter of opposition – 1 letter for District 4

Thanks,

Liz Feighner
eumcgreenteam@gmail.com
Green Team Chair
Emmanuel United Methodist Church
10755 Scaggsville Rd.
Laurel, MD 20723

"We do not inherit the Earth from our Ancestors; we borrow it from our children." ~ Native American Proverb

Dear Council Member, Opel Jones #2
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: LORI + JOHN MASON

7/10/12

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: THEODORE YING Theodore Ying

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Theresa S. Goraw

Dear Council Member, Liz Walsh #1
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Rev. Stephanie Vador

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Lisa Wheatley

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Melinda Burns

Dear Council Member, Mercer Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Suzanne Heist

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: BARBARA YING Barbara I Ying

Dear Council Member, Mercer Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Robert & Margaret MacDonell

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Brooke Tropp

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Cinder Usher

Dear Council Member, Mercer-Rigby #3
I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Teresa Goodwin

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: CARI CHRISTMAN CariChristman

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: C. Armstrong

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Chris A. Wilcox

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: COLLEEN PATTEE

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: MATHEW CHANDY

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4
I am writing today to ask that you support CB64-2019, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Nesbitt Swavelle

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4

I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Chris Slingsloff

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4

I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Rebecca Barbusca

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4

I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Debra Williams

Dear Council Member, Deb Jung #4

I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Diane Leonard & Alan Williams

What's Next !!

Jan 4 Against

Dear Council Member,

I am writing today to ask that you **support CB64-2019**, a fee on plastic bags. Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes. CB64-2019 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can start reducing plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice, as it is an avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between our actions and the damage done to the environment. In addition, fees have been shown to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Name: Nancy & Harold Reider

Sayers, Margery

From: Tim & Deb Lattimer <lattimertp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 2:20 PM
To: Jones, Opel
Cc: CouncilMail; Ball, Calvin
Subject: Support CB64 (Bag Fee)

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Dr. Jones -

As a resident of District 2, I want to express my strong support for CB64-2019 to place a modest fee on plastic bags in Howard County. I hope that you and the entire County Council will approve this measure, as it would boost public health, a cleaner community, and enhance Howard County's reduction of our contributions to global climate change. I also support an amendment that would impose a similar fee on paper bags, as doing so would help to further reduce our county's generation of solid waste.

While a total ban on single-use bags might sound appealing to some, the reality is that carry-out bag fees have proven to be more effective than outright bans, as grocery chains have, in some instances, simply shifted to thicker plastic bags to get around restrictions on thinner bags. A bag fee can have a greater impact in encouraging consumers to use more environmentally friendly re-usable bags. That's why Chicago scrapped its plastic bag ban in 2017 and instituted a 7-cent bag fee. One study of both Chicago and Montgomery County found that "very small financial incentives can lead to big behavioral change."

It's really not that complicated: consumers can choose whether to pay a small fee or avoid it by bringing their own bags. For goodness sake, if these communities, as well as Washington, DC and over 400 other localities around the country can do this, so can Howard County. Enacting a modest bag fee can go a long way toward improving quality of life throughout the county and boost our contributions toward ensuring a more sustainable future for our kids and future generations.

Thanks and best regards, Tim Lattimer
Each Leaf Court
Columbia, MD 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Hannah Zinnert <hzinnert@patapsco.org>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 1:15 PM
To: CouncilMail
Cc: Walsh, Elizabeth; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David; Jones, Opel; Ball, Calvin
Subject: CB64 Support
Attachments: CB64 Testimony.pdf

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

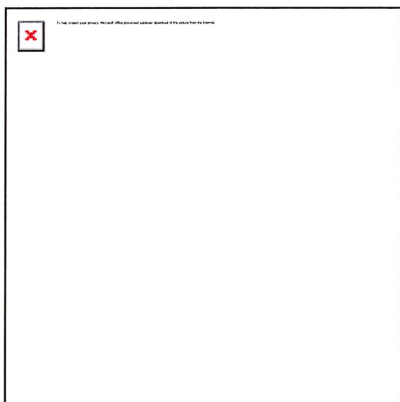
Hello,

Patapsco Heritage Greenway is urging the council to support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. Please see the attached PDF for our official letter to the council.

Thank you,

Hannah

Hannah Zinnert
Program Manager
Patapsco Heritage Greenway
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers
hzinnert@patapsco.org
410-696-1328
www.patapsco.org





HERITAGE GREENWAY P. O. Box 96, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041 | info@patapsco.org | www.patapsco.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Steve Wachs,
President
John Heinrichs,
Vice President
Sylvia Ramsey,
Vice President
Mark Southerland,
Vice President
Kathy Younkin,
Vice President
Cathy Hudson,
Treasurer
Kenneth Boone,
Secretary

MEMBERS

Brooke Abercrombie
Rudy Drayton
Chris Gallant
Victoria Goodman
Ray Haslip
Gabriele
Hourticolon
Pam Johnson
Amanda Lauer
Pete Lins
John McCoy
Marsha McLaughlin
David Nitkin
Nancy Pickard
Justine Schaeffer
James Wagandt
Lisa Wingate

HONORARY

James Robey
Ed Kasemeyer

EXECUTIVE

DIRECTOR

Lindsey Baker

November 18, 2019

Dear Council Member,

I am writing as the Environmental Program Manager at Patapsco Heritage Greenway and urge you to support legislation CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

Patapsco Heritage Greenway's mission is to preserve, protect, interpret, and restore the environment, history, and culture of the Patapsco Valley.

We do this, in part, through our environmental stewardship activities, which include many stream cleanups. Every year, we mobilize around 1,000 volunteers to take part in approximately 25 cleanups throughout the Patapsco watershed. At every single one of these cleanups, we have found and removed many single-use plastic bags that are caught along stream banks, tree roots, and around storm drains. Furthermore, many of these bags have already begun to break up into smaller pieces, the first step into becoming "microplastics".

Single-use plastic bags (and microplastics) cause the following issues:

- During production, they use precious fossil fuel, that not only is limited in supply world-wide, but also contributes to climate change when used.
- After their limited use, bags and microplastics clog sewer drains (which can exacerbate flooding issues), flow downstream, and end up in the Patapsco River and subsequently the Chesapeake Bay.
- Along the way, wildlife and fish may become entangled or mistake plastics for food, killing them as plastic accumulates in their system.

Patapsco Heritage Greenway will continue to conduct stream cleanups and removing plastic bags whenever found. However, we hope for a future in which we will not find as many needing to be removed. This goal is possible with your assistance, and we hope you will support CB64 as the first step in reaching it.

Thank you,

Hannah Zinnert

Hannah Zinnert
Program Manager
Patapsco Heritage Greenway

PATAPSCO HERITAGE GREENWAY is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to preserve, protect, interpret, & restore the environment, history, and culture of the Patapsco Valley Heritage Area.

Sayers, Margery

From: Olivia Morris <ojemmorris@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 12:19 PM
To: Walsh, Elizabeth; CouncilMail
Subject: Support for Plastic Bag Fee - Council Bill 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Unfortunately my husband and I will be unable to attend this evening's meeting for Howard County residents being held at the George Howard Building, so I just wanted to take a quick moment to register my written support of Council Bill 64. The proposed fee is but a small sum of money but the impact can go a very long way to help protect our environment, our wildlife, and Howard County's sustainable future. I urge you to consider the incredibly positive impacts this bill could have and thank you for considering my voice.

Sincerely,

Olivia Ziolkowski
Resident of Norris Lane in Elkridge

Sayers, Margery

From: Casey Dyson <caseydyson@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:46 AM
To: Rigby, Christiana
Cc: CouncilMail
Subject: Plastic bag fee -YES

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Christiana,

I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags.

Every minute of every day a garbage truck full of plastic enters our waterways. It is an environmental and health crisis unfolding before our eyes.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will also bring increased awareness to the community so we can move forward and turn the tide on plastic pollution.

This bill gives consumers a choice as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers actions and the impact their actions have on the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

Plastic bags in particular have a plethora of negative impacts:

Plastic bags are not biodegradable. They clog waterways, spoil the landscape, and end up in landfills where they may take 1,000 years or more to break up into ever smaller particles that continue to pollute the soil and water.

Plastic bags continue to release Methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they break up.

Plastic bags in drainage pipes pollutes water directly or indirectly.

Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.

Finally, producing plastic bags requires millions of gallons of petroleum that could be used for transportation or heating.

We do not have time to wait.

The County Council board has this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Let's be that leadership others will follow. Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

Casey Dyson
10177 Goodin CIR
Columbia, 21046
443-562-7127

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:38 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Cc: Harris, Michael
Subject: FW: Signatures from District 2
Attachments: District 2 - Petition.pdf

From: alisasells@c21redwood.com <alisasells@c21redwood.com>
Sent: Friday, November 15, 2019 9:05 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Signatures from District 2

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Dr. Councilman Jones,

Attached are signatures from a petitions in support of bill CB 64 from your constituents. Our group will continue the effort to prompt the bill in our community

Regards,

Alisa Niefeld-Batiz
Cell : 410-215-0047
alisasells@c21redwood.com

District #2

SUPPORT A FEE ON Petition to PLASTIC BAGS IN HOCO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
JASA JOSEPH		6303 SHORT WHEELWAY COLUMBIA MD 21045	RSMATSEPH@GMAIL.COM	2
Paul Morak		8737 Warm Springs Way Columbia MD 21045	mmorak@comcast.net	3
Suzanne Geraci		5307 Blue Coat Ln Columbia MD 21045	Geraci@gmail.com	2
Veronica Deza		7313 Summer Cypress Ct Elkridge MD 21075	deza.veronica@gmail.com	2
Zachary Turnbull		9466 Fawcett Rd Columbia MD 21045	_____	2
Elizabeth Osterman		5635 Lightspun Lane Columbia MD 21045	e@21045@gmail.com	2
FREDE MACDONALD		6052 TAMAR DR. Columbia MD 21045	imacdonald@comcast.net	2
JIM MACDONALD		6052 TAMAR DR Columbia MD 21045	↑	2
Linda M IVOA		8377 FAME HIGHLAND RD ELICOTT CITY, MD 21043		
PEARLINA GUY		9464 WINDING WAY COLUMBIA MD 21045	home606@earthlink.net	
ROBERT BINSWICK		5413 SPINDLEHILL RD COLUMBIA, MD 21045	Chellera@berjournal.com	2
Taylor Duwall		8001 Falls Run Rd Apt. F ELICOTT CITY, MD 21043	taylorcdwall@gmail.com	2

①

#2

SUPPORT A FEE ON Petition to PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Miriam Bell	Miriam Bell	9481 Grace Garth Columbia MD	mtcbell@gmail.com	
Adam Bell	Adam Bell	↓ ↓	belladam@gmail.com	
Matt Three foot	Matthew J Threefoot	9526 Good Lion Rd	Two3foot@yahoo.com	
STEPHAN VAETH	Stephan Vaeth	9791 OWEN BROWN RD	VAETH1@VERIZON.NET	
Becky Brazze	B Brazze	9867 Roll Right Ct. Unit G	becky.brazze@gmail.com	
Jelani Franklin	Jelani Franklin	9867 Roll Right Ct. Unit G	muschxtta@gmail.com	
Bruce Casteel	Bruce Casteel	9549 Longlook Lane		
Valerie Barr	Valerie Barr	9519 Landbreeze Row	valeriekbarr@gmail.com	
Mckylee Valentine	Mckylee Valentine	5674 Stevens Forist RD	m.v.valentine@gmail.com	2
JOSEPH DUPUIS	Joseph Dupuis	7824 MARILYN DR	JOSEPHDUPUIS@GMAIL.COM	
Karli Andrade	Karli Andrade	6712 Encounter Row		2
Emma Siddiqi	Emma Siddiqi	8871 Goose Landing Circle	franfico@gmail.com	2
Fran Fico	Fran Fico	6617 Sevels Orchard		

DISTRICT #2

Petition to

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Amanda Dippner		5226 Fairpond Ln. Columbia	amandadippner@gmail.com	2
Heather Paul		1700 Feebawn rd.	hpaul1924@yahoo.com	2
Elizabeth Goldstein-Rice		9465 Breco Garth	egr2058@yahoo.com	
Brad Rice		9465 Breco Garth	brad_rice63@yahoo.com	2
Randy Sule		9468 Sahay Ln.	randysule@gmail.com	
Devon Sule		9468 Sahay Ln.	devonjsule@gmail.com	
Linda Linton		9516 Langloak	lindalinton@comcast.net	2
John Lint		9516 Langloak Ln	johnplinton@comcast.net	2
Natalie Dorigiewicz		5283 Golden Sky Ct.	nerothem@hotmail.com	
Rardo A. Batiz		9466 Farewell Rd	rhatiz61@yahoo.com	
Deacon Sweeney		5681 Columbia Rd #502	deacon.sweeney@gmail.com	
Denise Johnson		5664 Steuten Forest Rd Columbia		21045

3

#2

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition to

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Daphne Harrington	<i>Daphne Harrington</i>	6019 Jacobs Ladder	daphne.fellman@gmail.com	
Neelam Kalra	<i>Neelam Kalra</i>	9453 Bonfield Ct	neelamg@hotmail.com	
Aaron Tustin	<i>Aaron Tustin</i>	9334 Mellenbrook Rd	aarantustin@hotmail.com	
Melkamu Zel Chale	<i>Melkamu Zel Chale</i>	7280 Goldcrest Ct	Melkamu.abobch@hotmail.com	
Monique Broussard	<i>Monique Broussard</i>	6144 Aguil Pl Columbia 21045	monlabuss@gmail.com	
Erin Russell	<i>Erin Russell</i>	5458 Delphinium Ct Columbia 21045	erirruss@icloud.com	
Patrick Cox	<i>Patrick Cox</i>	9231 Patriot Ct	patrick.pizzone@gmail.com	
Alida Yearwood	<i>Alida Yearwood</i>	9225 Sealed Message Rd	mattcl7997@hotmail.com	
RASHI PATEL	<i>Rashi Patel</i>	6313 SOFT THUNDER TRAIL 21045		
Clark Carpenter	<i>Clark Carpenter</i>	5764 Stevens forest Dr 21045	carpentw@hotmail.com	
Andrea Gill	<i>Andrea Gill</i>	5776 Stevens forest dr 21045	gillandi25@gmail.com	
Teresa Castillo	<i>Teresa Castillo</i>	4824 Circling Hunter #301	tcastillo163@gmail.com	

④

#2

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOWARD
 Petition to

Petition summary and background
 A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WEFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUCKET A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Nov Lyon		5113 Thurgood Hill Rd MD Columbia	NAMLYON@koptmail.com	
Wendy Albers		6509 Carlinda Ave 21046	wendy.albers@gmail.com	3
Emily Spierman		16425 Camale Dr Mount Airy, MD 21771		
Dandra Lopez		1503 Guilford Ave, Baltimore 21202	lopez.dandra@gmail.com	
Diane Jensen		11905 Tridelpnia Rd 21047 EC, MD	dajensen@natmail.com	
Divia Fielder		11448 Little Pasture Parkway, Olivett 29062	Divia@29062@gmail.com	
Sohee Shin		9115 Goldamber Garth, Columbia MD 21045 soheeshin@gmail.com		2
Parul Shakti		5571 Google Landing in		
Stephen Dubois		9201 Baken Timberway Columbia MD 21045	sdubois91@gmail.com	2
Sean Rosenberg		5989 The Point Columbia MD 21045	rosenberg3@gmail.com	2
Jane MacDonald		6052 WALTER Columbia		2
Galen Carey		9214 May Day Ct 21045	GCAUCH@NAT.NET	2

5

#2 DISTRICT

SUPPORT A FEE ON

Petition to

PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Alisa Niefeld	<i>Al Niefeld</i>	9466 Farewell Rd Columbia MD 21045		2
Pat Hershey	<i>Patricia Hershey</i>	9402 Farewell Rd Columbia, MD 21045		2
Mary Ann Barry	<i>Mary Ann Barry</i>	5464 Wild Lilac Columbia, MD 21045		2
Rose Marie Meserve	<i>Rose Marie Meserve</i>	9447 Brett Ln Col. 21045	rmmeserve@gmail.com	2
Ron Meserve	<i>Ron Meserve</i>	9447 Brett Ln, Columbia 21045	RTMESERVE@GMAIL.COM	2
Evelyn M. Moynihan	<i>Evelyn M Moynihan</i>	5601 Thunderhill Rd Columbia, MD 21045		2
Bob Jackson	<i>Bob Jackson</i>	6205 FRSTAR PLACE Columbia, MD 21045		2
Bob Manetta	<i>Bob Manetta</i>	5511 Sleeping Dog Ln Columbia MD 21045	BobManetta@comcast.net	2
Melissa A Holter	<i>Melissa A Holter</i>	4641 Whiteacre Rd Columbia 21045		2
Christa Priest	<i>Christa Priest</i>	Manor Hill		2
Heather Loring	<i>Heather Loring</i>	6111 Kara's Walk Elkridge, MD 21075	heatherloring@gmail.com	2
Amy Brown	<i>Amy Brown</i>	4928 Annapolis Ave Ellicott City 21043	ajb2006@gmail.com	2

6

District # 2

SUPPORT A FEE ON Petition to PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Misty Yackubow		5516 Sleeping Dog Lane Col., MD 21045	MLBORNT@hotmail.com	2
Lori Magoun		7624 Fleetside Ct. Ellicott City, Md. 21043	lomagoun@gmail.com	2
Paul Verchinski		5475 Sleeping Dog Columbia, MD 21045	verchinski@yahoo.com	2
Barbara Schmeckpeper		6305 Summercrest Dr Columbia, MD 21045	bjschmeck@gmail.com	2
Leanne Petraniec		9621 Pastora Pl Columbia, MD 21045	lbrittain_23@hotmail.com	2
Evan Probeniec		9621 Pastora Pl Columbia, MD 21045	hockey_evan@hotmail.com	2
Laurie Ramey		6528 Wesley Lane Elkridge, Md. 21075		2
Miranda Ramey		6528 Wesley Lane Elkridge, MD 21075		2
Elizabeth Vinci		4670 Stallion Ct. Ellicott City 21043	evinci16@yahoo.com	2
Eugene Simmons		7305 Talbot Cir Elkridge, MD	eussimmons@gmail.com	2
Megan Johnson		4457 Greco Gurn Columbia MD 21045	meganjohnson2011@gmail.com	2
Patrick Keesting		"	PoKeesting@gmail.com	

⑦

DISTRICT #2

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition to

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Stefanie Catella	<i>Stefanie Catella</i>	6319 Young Buck Cir Columbia MD 21045		2
Cristina Quieto	<i>Cristina Quieto</i>	7816 Manoad Dr. Elkridge MD 21075		2
Cody Peach	<i>Cody Peach</i>	7870 Peragon Cir Elkridge MD 21075		2
Bob Gladding	<i>Bob Gladding</i>	8605 Littlefield Ct Ellicott City 21043	rwgladding@gmail.com	2
Warren Westman	<i>Warren Westman</i>	5215 Patroff Lane Columbia, MD 21045	kiunafok@gmail.com	2
Kiana Fok	<i>Kiana Fok</i>	4501 Washington Manor Mt Ellicott City 21043		
CHRIS GUNTHER	<i>Chris Gunther</i>	9545 LOUISE LANE COLUMBIA MD 21045	GUNTHERPILOTE@Yahoo.com	2
Sarah English	<i>Sarah English</i>	6572 Quitting Way Quitting Way Columbia, MD 21045	Sarahvolunteers@gmail.com	2
Lisa Seeley	<i>Lisa Seeley</i>	6588 Fruitgift Pl Columbia, MD 21045	lisa.seeley1@gmail.com	2
Sheila Robinson	<i>Sheila Robinson</i>	9430 Wandering Way Columbia, MD 21045	sheila-robinson@verizon.net	2
Rita Wood	<i>Rita Wood</i>	6417 Autumn Gold Ct Columbia MD 21045		2
Brenda GRAYHAM	<i>Brenda M. Graham</i>	9446 Hampden Ln 21045	brendagrahamconcert@	2

8

District # ~~1~~ 2

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition to

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
LYNDA OSTERMAN	<i>[Signature]</i>	6243 Wild Swan Way	osterlora@comcast.net	2
SULACHANA PATNAIK	<i>[Signature]</i>	6387 Woodbend Forest Dr	spatnaik@howard.edu	2
PAT MARTIN	<i>[Signature]</i>	5344 Racegate Run, 21045	jpatricia52@yahoo.com	2
John Caughy	<i>[Signature]</i>	5344 Racegate Run Columbia 21045	jcaughy@umd.edu	2
Hatterlosong	<i>[Signature]</i>	6111 Kara's Walk Elkridge	hatterlosong@gmail.com	2
Yvonne Howard	<i>[Signature]</i>	9370 McHenbrook Rd 21045	yhoward4@gmail.com	2
JENNY TANG	<i>[Signature]</i>	4910 March Brown Rd.	jennytang2008@gmail.com	2
Ann Worley	<i>[Signature]</i>	6070 Camelback	pelefish@mindspring.com	2
Robert Glascock	<i>[Signature]</i>	1524 York Ave Drive 21045	rglascock@gmail.com	2
Nan Lyon	<i>[Signature]</i>	5713 Thunder Hill Rd Columbia MD 21045	NANLYON@ hotmail.com	2
Deanis Rodgers	<i>[Signature]</i>	6070 Camelback Ln	ARODGERS@CLOBBERS.NET	2
Kim Drake	<i>[Signature]</i>	5513 Fox Tail Ln 21045	kimdrakeenv@gmail.com	2

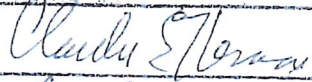

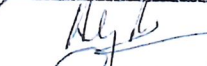
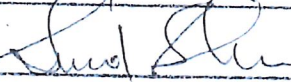
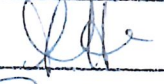


(9)

#2

Petition to

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO

Petition summary and background	A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
CHARLES THOMAS		6157 FORTY WINKS WAY, COL 21045	CET1933@GMAIL.COM RETNAK	2
Janet Keenan		5144 N. W. L. St.	j.keenan@holo.com	2
Bruce/Pam		6144 FIVECOUNTRY ROW COLUM 21044	-	2
Sunny Sharma		5865 - Robert Old pl		2
PAUL WISNIEWSKI	PAUL WISNIEWSKI	6157 FORTY WINKS WAY	PAULWISSKI@GMAIL	2
Alby Hendra		9358 Partime Ln.	alby.hendra@gmail	2
Tom Berman		9261 Gorgeuse Ct	avscolumbia@gsu	2
Lee Budar-Dorff	Lee Budar-Dorff	9188 Carnegie Lane	punchgirl84@gmail.com	2
MARTINE STURMAN	M. Sturman	9563 WOODBLOCK ROW	21e	2
Carinne Heiliger	Carinne Heiliger	9774 Owen Brown Rd	-	2
Bob Gladding		8605 Littlefield Ct.	mggladding@gmail.com	2

(10)

#4
2

SUPPORT A FEE ON Petition to PLASTIC BAGS IN HOCD

Petition summary and background A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WELFARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOWARD COUNTY, ITS CITIZENS AND WILDLIFE.

Action petitioned for We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to SUPPORT A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS BY RETAILERS IN HOWARD COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Willie J. Thomas Sr	<i>WJ Thomas Sr</i>	9276 Parby Downs Elkridge, MD	wjthom15fco@gmail.com	2
Charlde Harris	<i>Charlotte F Harris</i>	9510 Fallen Stone Columbia MD 21045	Charlottedarris@ trivium.net	2
Kathryn Swann	<i>[Signature]</i>			
Kathleen Avery	<i>Kathleen Avery</i>	9572 FALLENSTONE COLUMBIA, MD 21045	kathleenavery@ hotmail.com	2
Amanda Elder	<i>Amanda Elder</i>	5647 Phelps Luck Dr. Columbia, MD 21045	mandy.elder@gmail.com	2
Katherine Schmonseher	<i>Katherine Schmonseher</i>	5870 Thunder Hill Rd #2 21045	kschmon@renboer@gmail.com	2
Dan Hajdos	<i>Dan Hajdos</i>	6216 Jamina Downs Columbia Rd #103 Columbia MD 21044	westphillydan@yahoo.com	2
Kirstin Shipp	<i>Kirstin Shipp</i>		Krishipp@gmail.com	2
Robertra S...	<i>Robertra S...</i>	6722 Seneca Ave Columbia, MD 21046	jalahscule2@verizon.net	2

15 minutes
work

11

#2

SUPPORT A FEE ON PLASTIC BAGS IN HOLO
 Petition to

Petition summary and background
 A FEE ON THE DISTRIBUTION OF PLASTIC CHECKOUT BAGS WILL PROMOTE THE HEALTH, SAFETY, WEAPARE AND CLEANLINESS OF HOLO COUNTY, ITS STREETS AND WILDLIFE.
Action petitioned for
 We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to support a fee on the distribution of plastic checkout bags by retailers in HAWAII COUNTY.

Printed Name	Signature	Address	EMAIL	DISTRICT
Joanne Leslie	<i>Joanne Leslie</i>	5575 Kaimali Road, Honolulu, HI 96816	joanneleslie@gmail.com	2
Joyce Duffey-Blow	<i>Joyce Duffey-Blow</i>	5523 Eaglehawk Road, Honolulu, HI 96816	blowjngd@yahoo.com	2
David Hylan	<i>David Hylan</i>	4032 Huckleberry Road, Ilwaco City, OR 97124	hylanm@gmail.com	2
Diane Eidelman	<i>Diane Eidelman</i>	8791 Endress Green Way, Columbia, MD 21045	EidelmanDiane@gmail.com	2
Nathan Baum	<i>Nathan Baum</i>	8729 Endress Green Way, Columbia, MD 21045	nbaumn@gmail.com	2

MARIA GONZALEZ	<i>Maria Gonzalez</i>	6368 KARENFIELD ROAD, ELLICOTT, MD 21115	hayan_family@yahoo.com	2
Chantelle Lee	<i>Chantelle Lee</i>	7325 Summit Road Rd, Ellicott MD 21115	cldee127@earthlink.net	2
Suzette Perry	<i>Suzette Perry</i>	5764 Shalom Forest Rd, Columbia, MD 21045	suzetteperry11@gmail.com	2
Kyle Colton-Hastak	<i>Kyle Colton-Hastak</i>	5447 Thruway Hill Dr, Columbia, MD 21045	kayla.colton.hastak@gmail.com	2
Alyssa Lida-Tompa	<i>Alyssa Lida-Tompa</i>	5394 Blair Oak Ct, Ellicott City, MD 21113	alyssa.lida9345@gmail.com	2
Suzanne M. [unclear]	<i>Suzanne M. [unclear]</i>	5375 Kaimali Road, Honolulu, HI 96816		2

Sayers, Margery

From: Patricia Hooker <patricia_wills@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:29 AM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Cc: reply@emails.sierraclub.org
Subject: CB64-2019

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am asking you to please vote in favor of CB64-2019.

My daughter lives in Montgomery County and I grocery shop weekly for her in Bethesda.. I consider myself an advocate for responsible environmental behavior, yet until I began shopping in Montgomery County I was still accepting plastic bags in Howard County. Changing my behavior in Montgomery changed my behavior in Howard. I now use only reusable shopping bags everywhere.

The 5 cent fee is simply a reminder to change behavior for the good of the planet. After forgetting to bring reusable bags a few times it has become a habit to bring them. Habit changes everything.

Thank you,
Patricia Hooker
1175 Hoods Mill Rd
Cooksville, MD 21723
410-489-4314

Sayers, Margery

From: J Nader <jtnader@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 11:10 AM
To: CouncilMail; Walsh, Elizabeth; Jones, Opel; Rigby, Christiana; Jung, Deb; Yungmann, David
Subject: Please support CB64 2019

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Council members,

I live in District 1 and I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. I returned to Maryland last year after living in Hawaii for 3 years. Hawaii implemented a fee on plastic bag use while I was there, and I saw first hand how well it works. I have more reusable bags than I can use! And I don't miss the plastic bags at all.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will raise awareness in the community and speed action on the plastic pollution crisis

These kinds of bills give consumers a choice, as it is a completely avoidable fee. It also makes the important link between consumers' actions and the resulting harm to the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution. We have no time to wait. We are already behind the curve on climate change and we need to do everything in our collective power to address it. The County Council has an opportunity to lead on this issue.

Let's make history.

Thank you for your support on CB64.

Sincerely,

Tim Nader
4017 Willow Bend Ct
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Sayers, Margery

From: beth <bethbohac@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 10:51 AM
To: CouncilMail
Subject: CB64-2019

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

I am in favor of Howard County encouraging people to use re-usable bags at stores within the county. I do not feel that the small fee for plastic bags is too much of a hardship for individuals. We need to do everything we can to encourage recycling and re-use of our resources.

Thank you.

Elizabeth Bohac
9451 Brett Lane
Columbia 21045

Sayers, Margery

From: Jones, Opel
Sent: Monday, November 18, 2019 10:32 AM
To: Sayers, Margery
Subject: FW: Support CB 64

From: Sheila Robinson <sheila_robinson@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, November 17, 2019 11:13 AM
To: Jones, Opel <ojones@howardcountymd.gov>
Subject: Support CB 64

[Note: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please only click on links or attachments if you know the sender.]

Dear Mr. Jones,

I live your District and I am writing today to ask that you support CB64, a fee on plastic bags. Discarded plastic entering our waterways is a rapidly unfolding environmental and health crisis.

CB64 will not only address this crisis by reducing plastic, but it will raise awareness in the community and speed action on the plastic pollution crisis

This bill makes the important link between consumers' actions and the resulting harm to the environment. Best of all, fees have been proven to work to change behavior and reduce plastic pollution.

- Plastic bags are not biodegradable. They clog waterways, spoil the landscape, and end up in landfills where they may take 1,000 years or more to break up into ever smaller particles that continue to pollute the soil and water.
- Decomposing plastic bags release methane, a powerful greenhouse gas, as they break up.
- Plastic bags in drainage pipes pollute water directly or indirectly.
- Plastic bags also pose a serious danger to birds and marine mammals that often mistake them for food. Thousands die each year after swallowing or choking on discarded plastic bags.
- Plastic bags come from a byproduct of fracked gas or oil. Making plastic bags relies on more fracking, pipelines, compressor stations and cracker plants which Marylanders have clearly rejected numerous times already.

We have no time to wait. The County Council has an opportunity to lead on this issue. Please support CB64.

Sincerely,

Sheila Robinson
9430 Wandering Way
Columbia, MD 21045