Resolution to Support a Ban on Single-Use Plastic Bags

Framingham Democratic Committee

Whereas, single-ply plastic bags have significant negative impact on our environment;

Whereas, around the world as well as on the shores of Massachusetts dead marine animals wash up on beaches with stomachs full of plastic bags, not only killing many endangered animals, but also creating a health hazard;

Whereas, discarded plastic bags litter our beaches, lakes, rivers, highway borders, and jam our recycling machines;

Whereas, the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change has warned us of the risk of continued use of fossil fuels, and it takes millions of barrels of oil to produce these bags, with the risk of spills and methane release;

Whereas, the ability to recycle this plastic refuse has been greatly reduced by China no longer accepting our shipments;

Whereas, the cost of recycling and solid waste disposal has greatly escalated, we call for charging for paper bags to incentivize reusable and customer owned bags;

Whereas, the Town Meeting passed a Plastic Single-Use Checkout Bag Reduction Bylaw;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Framingham Democratic Committee endorses the revised Bag Reduction Bylaw before the Mayor;

Be It Further Resolved, the Framingham Democratic Committee endorses the original H 771 House bill and calls on Framingham Legislators to support the passage of the original form presented to the House.

Passed this 20th day of October 2019, by a vote of ___ For, ___ Against, and ___ Abstaining.

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Beverly Hugo, Chair