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COMMUNITY MEETINGS ON BANNING SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BAGS

SUNNYVALE, Calif. – Sunnyvale City Council has prioritized a 2010 Council study issue on the subject of banning single-use plastic grocery carry-out bags. A study issue is a topic of concern that may result in a new or revised City policy. The study issues process has been utilized by the City since the late 1970s, and provides both City Council and City staff a valuable planning and management tool.

The term “single-use plastic grocery bags” refers to the bags used at the checkout counter to bag purchases. It does not refer to plastic bags that are used within a store to contain, for example, meat, produce or greeting cards, nor does it refer to durable grocery bags made of cloth or heavy plastic that are designed for multiple uses.

City staff will conduct a community meeting on October 21, to encourage feedback from the community and answer questions or concerns regarding the various options for

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action on single-use bags, including taking no action. Meeting times are as follows:

- October 21, 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Sunnyvale Community Center Neighborhood Room (meeting held in the Recreation Building), 555 E. Remington Drive
- October 21, 7 p.m. – 9 p.m., Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT®) Station, 301 Carl Road, in the administrative building. The meeting will begin with a 30-minute tour of the SMaRT Station.

As part of the study issue process, City staff will prepare a Report to Council that will include feedback received from the Sunnyvale community. If you are unable to attend a community meeting, you may provide your comments through an online survey at *Recycling.inSunnyvale.com*.

The study issue is scheduled to be considered at Council's regular meeting on November 16, which begins at 7 p.m. For more information, please contact Solid Waste Manager Mark Bowers at (408) 730-7421, TDD (408) 730-7501.

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