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Mayor Eric Lucan and Councilmembers  
Novato City Hall  
922 Machin Ave.  
Novato, CA 94945

February 19, 2014

**Re: Disposable bag ordinance**

Dear Mayor Lucan and Councilmembers:

The Marin Conservation League (MCL) is pleased that Novato has moved forward so quickly with a draft ordinance to reduce the use of disposable grocery and pharmacy bags now that the JPA EIR has been completed. We fully support the disposable bag reduction ordinance and applaud your efforts to implement it.

MCL has sponsored Coastal CleanUp projects in Novato for many years and can attest to the prevalence of plastics in the blown around waste that accumulates at creeks and shorelines. The damage it causes in the environment is tremendous, creating problems with wildlife here and in the oceans. This is a small, but important step, toward reducing a source of pollution.

It may take a while for residents to become accustomed to bringing their own reusable bag but we have learned to separate our garbage and this is no more difficult.

We encourage you to adopt the Final EIR and Addendum as well as the single use carry out bag ordinance. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jon Elam". The signature is written in a cursive style and is placed over a light yellow rectangular background.

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