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February 18, 2014

Mayor Gary Phillips and Councilmembers
San Rafael City Hall
1400 Fifth Avenue
San Rafael, CA 94901

Re: Disposable bag reduction ordinance

Dear Mayor Phillips and Councilmembers:

The Marin Conservation League (MCL) is pleased that San Rafael 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 San Rafael 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.

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 set against a light yellow rectangular background.

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