

# LET'S PROTECT LAKE TAHOE FROM PLASTIC LITTER

## We support a ban on single-use plastic water bottles in South Lake Tahoe

The City of South Lake Tahoe can help solve the Basin's litter problem, and it should. I support the City Council in their effort to prevent plastic litter before it starts by banning single-use plastic water bottles ([agenda item #8](#)).

Plastic litter on Tahoe's beaches, trails and forests is a scar on the Basin's pristine natural beauty and an all too common sight. Unless it's removed, plastic litter like water bottles can harm wildlife, break down into polluting microplastics, and damage the quality of Tahoe's beautiful blue waters. Data collected by the League to Save Lake Tahoe over nearly a decade of cleanup activities shows that improperly discarded plastic water bottles are persistent and unavoidable in Tahoe's outdoors.

Aided by the League's litter data, the City has taken the lead in protecting the natural environment by instituting a ban on plastic bags in 2013 (before the statewide ban) and by restricting the use of polystyrene (Styrofoam), single-use utensils and plastic straws in 2018. The City should continue to be a pollution-fighting leader by banning single-use plastic water bottles.

Plus, local tap water is a cleaner, healthier and lower cost alternative to bottled water. Drink Tahoe Tap!

Let's ditch plastic water bottles and Keep Tahoe Blue. We support agenda item #8.

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