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## **REUSABLE OR COMPOSTABLE FOODWARE RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Associated Students of Moorpark College (ASMC) host events and activities that distribute prepared food and beverage;

**WHEREAS**, the ASMC contracted food and beverage providers use single-use plastic foodware [1] at ASMC-sponsored events and activities;

**WHEREAS**, the production and consumption of single-use plastic foodware creates massive amounts of avoidable waste, depletes natural resources, pollutes the environment, and endangers human and animal health through exposure to toxic chemicals added to foodware [2];

**WHEREAS**, about only 9 % of plastics end up getting recycled, while 76 % of plastics end up in landfills in the United States [3], and 12 million tons of worldwide plastics end up in the oceans annually [4];

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Associated Students of Moorpark College Board of Directors (ASBOD) advocate for replacing single-use plastic foodware with reusable or compostable foodware to distribute food and beverages;

**THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED**, that the ASBOD will make every reasonable consideration to use reusable or compostable foodware at all ASMC-sponsored events and activities;

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that the ASBOD communicate that all ASMC-sponsored events and activities will retain and dispense plastic straws upon request to cater to the different needs of the population;

**BE IT FURTHER ENACTED**, that the ASBOD calls upon Moorpark College administration to develop policies to replace single-use plastic foodware with reusable or compostable foodware on campus.

**Citations:**

1. *"Foodware" is cups, containers, lids or closures, plates, knives, forks, spoons, stirrers, paddles, straws, placemats, napkins, doilies, wrapping material, and bags. This does not include disposable packaging for unprepared foods.*
  2. <https://www.epa.gov/facts-and-figures-about-materials-waste-and-recycling/plastics-material-specific-data>
  3. <https://ceh.org/products/foodware/>
  4. <https://www.un.org/pga/73/plastics/>
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**Date Adopted:** November 7, 2022

**Board Votes:** 10-0-0; passed unanimously

**Board Ayes:**

Sage Tollefson, ASMC Vice President

Daniella Luczywek, ASMC Director of Academic Affairs

Abbey Austin-Wood, ASMC Director of Budget and Finance

Melissa Moore, ASMC Director of Campus Events

Synthia Mahmud, ASMC Director of Constitution and Standing Rules

Angela Batoon, ASMC Director of Public Relations

Nishad Kalluri, ASMC Director of Student Advocacy

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Alette Laughton, ASMC Director of Student Services

Jenna McGee, ASMC Director of Sustainability

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