

Dear Mayor & City Council,

In light of recent conversations about an updated plastic bag ordinance that would affect food service & retail establishments, the Office of Economic Development would like to share a recent communications piece that was put together with input from staff citywide. The e-version of these materials, found online [here](#), summarize current state & local environmental regulations impacting Berkeley food businesses—and the resources available to help food businesses with compliance (and environmental leadership!).

Additionally, OED will be printing a tri-fold brochure with this information to distribute to local restaurants and food vendors (*see attached*); **if your office would like to have a stack of these brochures in your office (or to help distribute to local businesses), please let OED (Eleanor Hollander, EHollander@cityofberkeley.info) know how many you would like to have by next Wednesday, Sept. 1**

We hope these summary materials will be helpful to the food businesses in your districts - and to your own work on environmental policies that impact the local business community!

Thank you.

Dee Williams-Ridley
City Manager