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Sunnyvale should follow suit with ban

Seeing the harm that plastic grocery bags cause, Sunnyvale, along with many cities, counties and entire countries, is acting to limit their use.

Locally, the cities of San Jose, Palo Alto and San Francisco have joined with other California cities such as Long Beach, Calabasas, Fairfax, Malibu and Santa Monica to adopt a ban.

Santa Clara County has a ban on plastic bags, along with Marin and Los Angeles counties. More jurisdictions are trying to do so despite lawsuits from friends of the plastic industry.

Recently, the state of California came close to banning plastic grocery bags with the support of the Grocers Association, until Big Plastic lobbyists stepped up the pressure.

Kauai and Maui, Hawaii, have joined with cities such as Brownsville, Texas; Bethel, Alaska; Westport, Conn.; Edmonds, Wash.; Portland, Ore.; and the Outer Banks region of North Carolina.

Currently, plastic bags are either restricted or completely banned in a quarter of the countries of the world. Isn't it time for a leader in sustainability like Sunnyvale to follow suit?

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