



## **Letters from Sunnyvale Sun readers**

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### **Plastic bag ban is right thing to do**

Hats off to Barbara Fukumoto for standing up to lobbyists who hope to defeat a plastic bag ban in Sunnyvale.

Sixty-nine million plastic bags are used every year in Sunnyvale alone (approximately 500 per resident). They don't break down in landfills, are difficult to recycle and clog up machinery at the SMaRT station. Many become airborne and escape onto highways, parks and eventually to the ocean, killing birds and wildlife.

How on earth does attorney Mr. Joseph believe that paper or reusable bags would be worse? It's time for this to stop.

Don't be fooled by the skewed opinions of paid lobbyists. Any single-use bag--whether plastic or paper--has a negative impact on the environment. But banning plastic bags is a step in the right direction and will hopefully encourage more residents to shop with reusable bags.

Mr. Joseph, you're the one wasting energy by threatening cities who are working to improve their environment.

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