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REUSABLE BAG ORDINANCE TO BE CONSIDERED

Menlo Park, CA – Twenty four cities, including Menlo Park, are considering adopting San Mateo County’s proposed Reusable Bag Ordinance which would prohibit retailers from distributing plastic carry-out bags and mandate a minimum charge of ten cents for every recycled paper bag or reusable bag provided by retailers at checkout. Retailers would keep all revenue received from the sale of carry-out bags, and customers can avoid additional charges by bringing their own reusable bags for shopping.

On October 23, the County Board of Supervisors will make a decision on whether to adopt a reusable bag ordinance. If approved by the Board of Supervisors, the ordinance can then be approved by participating cities. Menlo Park City Council will consider the ordinance in January 2013, and if adopted, the ordinance is proposed to take effect on April 22, 2013 – Earth Day. An informational meeting about the ordinance will be held next Wednesday in Menlo Park. The public and business owners are welcome to attend the following meetings below to participate in the process.

■ **Menlo Park Informative Meeting**

Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at 6:30pm
Recreation Center (Cypress Room)
701 Laurel St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

■ **County Board of Supervisors Meeting**

Tuesday, October 23, 2012 at 9:00am
Board Chambers
400 County Center, Redwood City, CA 94063

For more information, please call the City of Menlo Park Environmental Programs at (650) 330-6740, visit www.menlopark.org, or email recycle@menlopark.org.

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