

## **New York City Council**

### **Memorandum in Support of Legislation**

*This memorandum is authored by the sponsor and explains the need for the legislation referenced below, in accordance with Rule 6.00(d) of the Rules of the Council.*

#### **Introduction Number:**

Int. No.

#### **Prime Sponsors:**

Council Member Harvey Epstein

#### **Bill Title:**

A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to prohibiting city agencies from procuring non-compostable, single-use cups

#### **Submitted by:**

Council Member Harvey Epstein

#### **Justification:**

According to the Department of Sanitation, more than 20,000 tons of plastic foodware are discarded annually in NYC. These plastics pile up in landfills, contaminate our ecosystems, and leach toxic chemicals into our food and water. The consequences are severe, from harming wildlife to causing long-term health problems for humans, including cancers and lung disease.

We must lead by example, and this bill will ban city agencies from purchasing non-compostable, single-use cups.