NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SINGLE USE BAG BAN ORDINANCE

The City of Cupertino is partnering with the County of San Mateo and other Peninsula jurisdictions to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for a proposed Single Use Bag Ban Ordinance. The complete list of Plastic Bag Ban Scoping Meetings is available on the City's website: www.Cupertino.org

LEAD AGENCY: County of San Mateo

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The proposed Single Use Bag Ban Ordinance would regulate the use of paper and plastic single use carryout bags within the participating municipalities. The participating municipalities include the County of San Mateo and 24 cities in San Mateo and Santa Clara counties. The Proposed Ordinance would apply to all retail establishments located within the limits of the participating municipalities, including those selling clothing, food, and personal items directly to the customer. **The ordinance will not apply to restaurants.** The ordinance would: (1) prohibit the free distribution of single use carryout paper and plastic bags; and, (2) require retail establishments to charge customers for recycled paper bags and reusable bags at the point of sale. The minimum charge would initially be ten cents (\$0.10).

REVIEW PERIOD: The Lead Agency welcomes agency and public input during this period regarding the scope and content of environmental information that must be included in the Draft EIR. **Responses to this Notice of Preparation may be submitted, in writing, by 5:30 p.m. on May 6, 2012, to:**

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PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS: Scoping meetings will be held during the comment period to take comments related to the scope of the environmental issues to be analyzed within the Draft EIR.

Wednesday, April 25, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. City Council Chambers 500 Castro Street, Mountain View, CA Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. Campbell Library 77 Harrison Avenue, Campbell, CA

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