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**Concord Kicks-Off Campaign to ‘Ban the Foam’**

New ordinance will ban certain Styrofoam products beginning Jan. 1

Concord (Sept. 26, 2018) -- The City of Concord has launched a public outreach campaign to educate businesses about the ban on certain Styrofoam products. Starting on January 1, 2019, food and beverage providers doing business in Concord will no longer be allowed to serve food and beverages using disposable foam polystyrene (Styrofoam) products, such as cups, bowls, plates, and serving trays.

On **Monday, October 29 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** in the Concord City Council Chamber (1950 Parkside Drive), the City of Concord, the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, the Todos Santos Business Association, the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, and Monument Impact will host a workshop to provide information about the new rules, to answer questions, and to provide guidance on alternative food and beverage service products. Spanish translation services will be available at the workshop.

“The City is committed to reducing our waste, improving our water quality, and reducing the health risks to our wildlife by replacing Styrofoam containers with ones that are reusable, compostable, or recyclable,” said Concord City Manager Valerie Barone. “We appreciate our partnership with local restaurants and businesses to help make the ban on Styrofoam containers a success.”

For more information, please visit [www.cityofconcord.org/styrofoam](http://www.cityofconcord.org/styrofoam).

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