

Proposal to Ban the Sale of Disposable Water Bottles on Foothill Campus:

How the reliance on water bottles has hurt wildlife and humanity and how we as the Foothill community can enact change.



Why ban disposable plastic water bottles?

ey are bad for the environment:

It takes three liters of water to produce a one-liter bottle, a great drain on our already-fragile water resources.

In 2006, creating the plastic required for America's bottled water used 17 million barrels of oil and emitted 2.5 million tons of CO₂.

Plastic bottles can last for thousands of years in the ocean, poisoning the ecosystem. They are 3rd largest source of trash in the Great Pacific Garbage Patch

ey are bad for us:

- Some research suggests that phthalates within the plastic of disposable water bottles can leach into the water, which can wreak havoc on our endocrine system.
- Tap water is more closely regulated than bottled water and can actually be cleaner and safer!

Bottled water is a rip-off!

- One out of four bottles is little more than repackaged tap water. This includes Aquafina, the brand sold on campus.
- Bottled water can cost 10,000 times as much as an equal amount of tap water.

Foothill would not be the first to do this:

As a public institution, Foothill needs to join other groups to stand up for what is right for its students and the world.

San Francisco is heading towards a complete ban of the sale of disposable water bottles in 2020.

The De Anza Associated Student Body Senate has endorsed a ban on their campus.

Will Foothill banning disposable water bottles really do anything to counteract the issue?

Divestment campaign; damages reputation, not profits.



What about people on campus going thirsty because of this campaign?

What about recycling?

Our proposal:

In the upcoming months, Foothill needs to invest in informing students about the negatives of disposable water bottles and promote the use of reusable ones.

Beyond this, funds need to be appropriated for signage pointing out the locations of reusable water bottle refill stations.

Finally, a complete ban of the sale of disposable water bottles will take effect at the start of 2017.