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“Bagging Big Plastic “ Facts” by Bill Hickman, surfrider.org, 6/22/2016

(In favor of prop 67)

In the article *Bagging Big Plastic “Facts,”* Bill Hickman informs the audience about the truth behind the incorrect facts made by Big Plastic who say’s that plastic bags are not harmful to try and persuade people to vote no for the ban. Hickman refutes these statements with intent to not only give the correct information, but to highly encourage a yes on proposition 67 to save the environment from further being damaged by plastic bags. For example, Hickman argues the claim made by Big Plastic which says, “Plastic bags are a more environmentally-friendly option at the checkout than alternatives like paper and so-called “reusable” bags.” He debunks this claim by using the scientific fact that plastic is neither “biodegradable or compostable” which means that it remains in the environment for a long period of time which has a negative effect on wildlife. Hickman doesn’t only focus on the effects of the environment, but also gives insight on other controversies regarding plastic’s connection to the economy, recycling and reusing. Moreover, provides research from credible sources to ensure that the truth is able to be accessed as evidence in the argument against the false claims of Big Plastic. Hickman being an environment activist, passionately argues for the sake of giving people the correct information to ensure that people are not mislead.

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“Prop 67 - Protect California's Plastic Bag Ban” - Lwvc.org
(In favor of prop 67)

In the article, *Prop 67 - Protect California's Plastic Bag Ban*, by the League of Woman Voters of California (LWV), the reader is informed about the negative impacts that plastic poses on the environment to urge a yes on 67 and to have the proposals of the bill SB 270 which was passed in 2014 to be permanently set in stone. The LWV deems the voting matter instinctive, to continue to have the ban on plastic bags because they “clutter our landscapes”, threaten wildlife and give off toxic waste when created. Furthermore, the LWV explains how a referendum (prop 65) to SB 270 was created by out of state plastic bag manufacturers to try and stop prop 67, and clarifies that this can be “deceptive” by seeming to be environmentally friendly because the money made from reusable bags would go to environmental programs rather profited by retailers. The LWV further stresses that prop 65 serves “to distract voters from Proposition 67”, and does not want people to be deluded by the referendum to emphasize the importance of plastic bags being expelled for good.

<https://lwvc.org/vote/elections/ballot-recommendations/prop-67-protect-californias-plastic-bag-ban> by LWV, lwvc.org

