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SAVE THE PLASTIC BAG COALITION
ON THE PROPOSITION 26 LAWSUIT**

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The Save The Plastic Bag Coalition ("STPB") is not part of the Proposition 26 lawsuit. (*Schmeer v. County of Los Angeles*)

STPB strongly believes that banning plastic bags is not justified by the facts.

Paper bags are far worse for the environment than plastic bags. If plastic bags are banned, then there should be a substantial fee for paper bags - at least 25 cents.

Cities and counties should follow appropriate procedures including compliance with CEQA and all applicable constitutional requirements and laws.

Our understanding is that the Proposition 26 lawsuit is based on the premise that local ordinances or laws that involve taxes masquerading as fees should be subject to approval by two-thirds of the voters, in accordance with the California Constitution. We believe that no one can reasonably argue that the voters should not be consulted before an ordinance of this nature is passed.

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