



January 4, 2019

City of Delray Beach – “Skip the Straw” Ordinance 32-18

Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Position

As the local voice of business, The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce represents over 850 members and is a supporter of economic development in our great City of Delray Beach, including initiatives to continue to build a strong, sustainable community that is conducive to business and resident success.

The Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the City of Delray Beach has heralded itself as a city in support of sustainability. The Chamber is also committed to supporting the City of Delray Beach in connection with initiatives that encourage sustainability and environmental stewardship that contributes to a progressive and environmentally friendly business environment.

The Chamber also recognizes that quality of place, including environmental sustainability, is a positive message to send to residents, visitors and businesses. The Chamber has reviewed the proposal of phasing in the banning plastic straws and believes it is a prudent course of action.

The Chamber reached out to our members to ensure that a change in policy as proposed would not negatively affect our bars, restaurants and other retail member’s ability to operate successfully. We believe this initiative will have positive environmental and financial impacts on local businesses..

After review by the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce Advocacy Committee, the Greater Delray Beach Chamber of Commerce lends our support of City Ordinance 32-18 and the Skip the Straw initiative. We applaud the City for its concern about our future and encourage Delray leaders to do what it can at the local level to address the overwhelming issue of single use plastics.

The Chamber appreciates the opportunity to provide input and our support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeb A. Conrad". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Jeb A. Conrad

President and CEO