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Subject: Re: San Mateo City Council Discussion of Disposables - Nov 16

Hi Andrea,

This is why this requirement would be challenging for us and for other restaurants:

1. We have never found any compostable containers that hold the liquids well, which don't leak, and that seal well.
2. Cost: compostable containers are more expensive than plastics.
3. Typically compostable containers are more difficult for our staff to close and to seal properly.
4. Because compostable containers allow the transfer heat much faster than plastic:
 - our employees tend to BURN their hands handling them while the food is still very hot; and
 - customers receive COLDER food because the heat has escaped by the time they receive the food.

I hope that this feedback helps!

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