

# City of Lakewood

# SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS

## 2018

### COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AWARD

## Promoting Waste Diversion

### Zero Waste Services



"Waste not, want not" reflects the activities and projects led by Zero Waste Services (ZWS) in 2017. This nonprofit organization focuses on community outreach and education in order to help Lakewood residents make zero waste lifestyle choices. For its Reusable Bag Distribution project, ZWS partnered with the Clement Center Sewing Group and Alameda Gateway to provide reusable shopping bags made from used T-shirts to patrons of the Lakewood Farmers' Market, keeping old T-shirts out of the landfill and preventing the use of single use plastic grocery bags. At its Sip and Swap event, participants were encouraged to bring their clothing and "swap" it with other guests rather than purchasing new clothing, reducing the use of raw materials. Extra clothing from the event was donated to the Action Center. Last, but not least, the Girls Holiday Dress Collection helped local families by collecting dresses and donating them to the Early Head Start program, giving the dresses a second life.

In addition to these events, Zero Waste Services hosts an online recycling guide for Lakewood residents to find recycling locations throughout the city for a wide variety of items.



### Achievement Areas

- Zero Waste
- Community Cohesion & Public Health

