

**The Uncap Loyola Resolution**  
**The Removal of Bottled Water from Loyola Facilities**

**To Encourage Practices by Loyola Faculty and Students that are Conducive to Preventing  
the Sale of Bottled Water across Campus**

- Whereas,** Loyola University Chicago has committed itself through its mission statement to issues of justice, and
- Whereas,** the Loyola Promise states that the university vows to “act as responsible stewards of creation with a special care for our environment,” and
- Whereas,** bottled water is a direct detriment to the global environment, and
- Whereas,** the Loyola Promise states that the university vows to “expand one another's awareness of our global connectedness and interdependence,” and
- Whereas,** according to the Earth Policy Institute, 86 percent of plastic bottles in the United States end up as garbage, and
- Whereas,** Loyola University’s Consumption Reduction & Recycling Committee recognizes:
- “Although significant amounts of resources are recycled yearly, our present day consumer culture for bottled water and other disposable conveniences such as plastic grocery bags and disposable coffee cups result in unnecessary waste of valuable resources. According to the American Chemistry Council, almost 75.7 percent of plastic bottles purchased in the United States are lost to landfill deposition and only 24.3 percent are recycled (americanchemistry.com).”
- Whereas,** Unified Student Government Association and Loyola University Chicago are concerned with the overall safety of the students, and
- Whereas,** according to a 2009 CNN Health article:
- “The Food and Drug Administration has little authority to regulate bottled brands, according to a U.S. Congressional report released recently. While municipal water utilities are required to provide public reports of test results, bottled-water makers are not.”
- Whereas,** according to the New York Times, students pay 2,900 times more for bottled water annually than tap water, which is the equivalent of the average person spending around \$1,400 on bottled water in a year,
- Whereas,** bottled water companies commodify what we feel is a basic human right: the access to safe and affordable water, and
- Whereas,** the Loyola Promise stresses the development of collaborative skills in addressing the problems of our city, the nation and the world, and
- Whereas,** bottled water is seen as contributing to problems in our city, nation and world, and
- Whereas,** Loyola University Chicago is a private institution, and can therefore regulate the products being sold on campus to better coincide with Jesuit values, and

*K* **Therefore,** be it resolved that the Unified Student Government Association (USGA) supports the removal of bottled water from Loyola's contracted dining facilities, and

*K* **Therefore,** be it further resolved that the Unified Student Government Association (USGA) supports the removal of bottled water from Loyola's vending machines, and ~~copies~~

**Therefore,** be it further resolved that the Unified Student Government Association's (USGA) will commit itself to supporting other student organizations in properly educating the student body about the harms of bottled water, and

*K* **Therefore,** be it further resolved that the Unified Student Government Association (USGA) urges the University to support a water bottle free campus to further its own mission.

**Therefore,** be it further resolved that the Unified Student Government Association (USGA) will put the issue of bottled water on the spring election ballot in the form of a referendum

*Specific on banning bottled water*