## **Supporting Information**

## Mixed Solvent Synthesis of Polydopamine Nanospheres for Sustainable Multilayer Flame Retardant Nanocoating

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**Figure S1. (a)** C<sup>13</sup> solid state NMR cross polarization magic angle spinning spectrum of dopamine hydrochloride compared to (b) overlay of synthesized polydopamine and starting material.



Figure S2. Appearance of aqueous solutions prior to multilayer deposition and during deposition.



Figure S3. TGA-MS of the gases released during neat polydopamine heating under an air atmosphere.

## Description of Supplementary Videos

Videos of uncoated and coated foam that were exposed to a handheld butane torch for 10 s.

(V1) Uncoated foam ignites, produces a lot of smoke, and melt drips (resulting in 0% residue).

(V2) Foam coated with 8 BL CH/PDA suppresses the production of smoke for a lengthy period of time, significantly slows the flame spread, and eliminates melt dripping behavior (resulting in  $\sim$ 20% residue).