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Dear Saint Paul City Councilmembers,

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council's Organics Steering Committee met on January 23, 2014 to discuss the City's plans to amend its Zoning Code around collection of source-separated organics (SSO). The Committee passed the following recommendation, which was then approved by the Community Council's Executive Committee on February 3, 2014.

The Macalester-Groveland Community Council supports the City of Saint Paul's draft Zoning Code amendments pertaining to source-separated organics.

The Community Council welcomes Ramsey County's plans to collect SSO at each of its seven Yard Waste Sites. Our organization has operated a successful community organics drop-off since June 2012 and has seen first-hand that the demand for convenient, low-cost organics collection services is high among Saint Paul residents. Well-managed organics recycling drop-off sites are free of issues like odors and are an asset to the community.

Thank you for your consideration of this recommendation. If you have any questions, please contact me at lauren@macgrove.org or 651-695-4000.

Sincerely,

Lauren Anderson
Recycling & Environmental Coordinator

CC: Councilmember Chris Tolbert, Councilmember Russ Stark, Anne Hunt, Kris Hageman, Afton Martens