

From: Lise Schmidt [mailto:lise.schmidt@comcast.net]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:30 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Garbage collection proposal

Dear Rebecca,

I would like to submit my response to the proposal, as presented at the previous council meeting, for consolidated garbage collection in Saint Paul. I do not object, generally, to the idea of consolidation of collection routes specific to neighborhoods. Multiple garbage collectors serving a single block is inefficient and wasteful.

I seriously question whether the proposal to include three large items per household will do much, if anything, to deal with the problem of illegal dumping. It appears that the greatest problem is in neighborhoods with a large number of rentals and/or lower income households and in areas where dumping can be carried out secretly. It may be better to provide a “dumping site” with ease of use in each neighborhood along with community education efforts to improve awareness of options for disposal of various kinds of waste. At the very least, more thought needs to be given before imposing a charge that significantly increases the cost of garbage collection for many who will struggle to pay the increased garbage collection fees.

I am very concerned about the hefty increase generally in the proposed garbage collection fees. It appears that a significant number of households do not currently have garbage collection contracts. The impact of requiring a contract for every household will fall hardest on low-income and senior households. It also negatively impacts neighbors who have devised an efficient and environmentally-friendly multi-user system of sharing collection bins. I would urge inclusion of a multi-household shared charge or charges. Finally, it appears the proposed charges – especially in light of the increased number of households that will be required to contract – is unreasonably high. Start toward the low end and increase only if it proves insufficient. I further see no reason for the purchase of new bins – the ones we have work fine, and, as noted at the meeting, many households use bins provided by a hauler different than the one currently providing the service.

Neighborhood education efforts to increase understanding and awareness of recycling has proved at least somewhat effective. Similar efforts should be made to help St. Paulites understand how to decrease garbage and reduce garbage collection costs.

While I support the effort to consolidate garbage collection in St. Paul, I think there are better ways to go about it.

Sincerely,

Lise Schmidt

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From: Melissa.a.crews@gmail.com [mailto:Melissa.a.crews@gmail.com]

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M Crews

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From: grpjr7@comcast.net [mailto:grpjr7@comcast.net]

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that's garbage i will keep triangle service it's my choice not the city st paul tax payer? george pokorny grpjr7@comcast.net

george pokorny

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From: Barone, Michael [mailto:mbarone@americanpublicmedia.org]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 9:51 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: The Garbage Situation, Again

Importance: High

Rebecca,

Realizing that you are hearing variously from constituents on this matter, I'll try to more clearly state my unhappiness with the proposal (as it stands) for consolidated garbage collection in Saint Paul.

First, I should say that I am not in disagreement with the idea that multiple services replicating routes in specific neighborhoods appears wasteful, and may very well have added my 'yes' vote to the question some years ago of whether to explore options, such as your committee has.

I've also aware that charges for consolidated service elsewhere is likely more than I pay at present. Indeed, a friend who lives on Brimhall, just east of Snelling, pays \$130 every quarter (and obviously would benefit from the lesser rates promised by the new plan, even with the \$52 administrative fee added).

But, as Dan Bostrom pointed out during last week's meetings, other nearby communities have figured out an approach to consolidated trash removal that costs its users far less than what St. Paul proposes, and they also include an opt-out option (though there is a one-time administrative fee attached to that).

Also, the large expense (to us users) to purchase new trash containers (as opposed to reusing perfectly good ones that are in present use) seems short-sighted.

And I remain dubious that the St. Paul proposal, as it stands, will do anything significant to eliminate illegal dumping by those who are prone to do that. End-of-the-month renters in low-income neighborhoods will likely still be prone to leave large objects on the curb or in the alley. And will a family with limited income be any more able to pay the proposed fees if now they avoid paying at all (either by sharing or illegal dumping)? Will the proposed 'administrative fee' include a policing of alleys, or individual properties, and is this a one-time fee, or an annual 'additional charge'? Will billing be attached to property tax bills (though not listed as a 'tax', and thus not deductible)?

I'll stress once more that the corner of my neighborhood seems to be quite efficient, both in its recycling of materials and its disposal of waste, and as a result benefits from the low annual expense that has resulted in our careful planning. Of the more than two dozen homes on the alley, the majority use a single provider (Republic) with only two other services in evidence (based on logos on garbage bins).

Again the difference between our **present \$75.00 annual expense** (one large garbage bin, shared by three households; total annual bin charge \$225) hardly compares with the proposed (Smallest bin, every-other-week collection cost of $\$253.32 + \$52 = \mathbf{\$305.32}$; or smallest bin every week at $\$292.80 + \$52 = \mathbf{\$344.80}$; or the medium bin every week at $\$357.12 + \$52 = \mathbf{\$409.12}$).

We are not 'gaming the system', rather simply taking advantage of competitive pricing (our hauler seems to be able to do business at the annual \$225 rate they charge) and conservation of resources.

Thanks for your attention. I hope you can work out a better system than what has been suggested to this point.

Sincerely,

Michael Barone

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From: Don Hiltunen [mailto:dobotiq@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Mandatory trash pickup plan

Dear Rebecca,

My wife and I are citizens of your district, and very upset by the city council plans to ram mandatory trash pickup onto us! We are senior citizens and create very little trash. What little we have we haul ourselves to "Twin City Refuse" on Water St. This consists of two 32 gallon cans at a cost of \$7.00 total every 5-6 weeks at most often (less Spring to Fall as we are mostly out of town those months).

This plan must be blocked as it is very unfair and much more expensive than most households current plans! We can see lawsuits and non compliance in the future if this stupidity is passed. Whatever IDIOTS came up with this idea should lose their jobs!

Hope you can do something to help,

Don and Bonnie Hiltunen

208 Sidney St. W.

St., Paul, 651 222-8285

From: bob@mcclay-alton.com [mailto:bob@mcclay-alton.com]

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Hi Rebecca,

This is a bad idea. The poor condition of many of our roads and alleys result from inadequate funding and will not be improved by the city takeover of our garbage system. What likely will result is greater cost for garbage service to city residents and no appreciable improvement in the condition of our roads and alleys.

Pleased to discuss in more detail. Call and we can have breakfast or lunch.

Best,

Bob

Robert McClay

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From: DAVID LABARRE Owner [mailto:dwlabarre@q.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:04 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Cc: dwlabarre@q.com

Subject: impending trash removal developments

Dear Rebecca Noecker;

My name is Dave LaBarre I am an retired fixed income individual, I have not had trash removal for 18 years. because I recycle and haul my limited trash myself. If you force me to have a trash bin I will end up paying approximately \$350.00 a year for what amounts to zero benefit. In addition I do not have alley access to my property and will not stand for having a trash bin parked on the blvd in front of my house nor will I shuttle an empty container on and off my property every week. I do believe it is prudent to not have so many trash companies. However, if the city can't make this happen without forcing people who don't need this service to pay for it then we need to find different means to accomplish that. Also thought should be given to what happened to the Right Of Way Maintenance TAX/FEE debacle. We should be concerned about spending even more money on another court case if this issue is not done legally.

In appreciation and

Respectfully Yours:

Dave LaBarre

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From: katieradford7@gmail.com [mailto:katieradford7@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:01 PM

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Katie Radford

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Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: Jolynn Martin [<mailto:jmartin@rivroad.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 6:27 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Consolidated Trash Collection

Dear Rebecca,

We do not wish consolidated trash collection. The rates proposed by the City are far more than what we are currently paying which is \$21.00 per month for a 65 gallon can and NO annual administrative fee. The ability to put out large items like a refrigerator has no value to us.

This is another example of when government steps in, the costs go up. We, like many people, live on a budget and we need to be in control of that budget. Whenever my garbage rates get too high, I shop around.

Secondly, after our very negative experiences with the recyclable pick-up, I would not want the City in control of my garbage pick up. It was a total fiasco.

The City should be concentrating on more important matters, like how to lower our property taxes rather than raising them by 24% next year.

Thank you.

Jolynn Martin
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-----Original Message-----

From: Janelle Anderson [mailto:janelle5mona@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 2:16 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: Garbage collection

Dear Rebecca,

I strongly vote no to the proposed new collection. I am on a fixed (and very low) income and I don't have a garage. I have lived here for 17 years and solved the garbage issue within the first year by sharing the service with my next door neighbor. I pay them half of their yearly bill and use their bin. I have only 1 grocery bag a week and they have about the same - between us we don't fill up a small bin. Paying half of their bill is less than I would have to pay with the proposed system and I would have to leave the garbage bin in my front yard!

I would think the city would want us to share.

Please at least give us the option of sharing.

Thank you,

Janelle Anderson

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Sent from my iPad

From: mcclac2@gmail.com [mailto:mcclac2@gmail.com]

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I strongly object to the City taking away my right to choose trash collection services. I am perfectly happy with my choice and resent the fact that the City thinks it can do a better job - far from it. Respectfully, Carolyn & Bob McClay

Carolyn McClay

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From: flav854@gmail.com [mailto:flav854@gmail.com]
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Our present trash hauler, a retired St. Paul Firefighter, gives excellent service here. We live on the 2nd floor and he comes up to our kitchen door and hauls our trash down and into his truck.

Moreover, he has been giving this service to this eight unit, two building condo association for many years.

Ed and Susan Flahavan / O'Leary

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We support local garbage haulers!

Janet Welna

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From: alsidesbarb@gmail.com [mailto:alsidesbarb@gmail.com]
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WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU ALL THINKING???????? THIS CITY HAS SO MUCH CRIME AND ALL OUR CITY COUNCIL CAN THINK?? TO DO IS PLAY IN THE TRASH..... NO WONDER EVERY PART OF POLITICS IS IN THE TRASH. WHY AM I NOT SURPRISED. . SO PATHETIC. SCARY INDEED....

Barbara Alsides

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Mukhtar Abdulle

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Danielle Gore

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This will increase what I pay for trash. I also live in a duplex and often share trash collection with my neighbor. His plan will not allow me to do that and that is unacceptable.

Tracey Wilkins

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From: Renee Pritzker [mailto:rbp@pritzkerlaw.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:12 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward2 <Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: TRASH HAULING

Dear Rebecca,

I hope this finds you well. I am not the type of constituent who voices my opinion on general issues. I wanted to weigh in on the trash hauling issue. I am opposed to City control of this matter. On our block we all worked together to have the same hauler for everyone – Ken Berquist and Sons – We all realized some time ago that preserving the integrity of our brick alley was to all our benefit and we all went with the hauler who had the most households. At present, the only person on Crocus Place & the alley who is not using this hauler is a new neighbor. Depending on the outcome of this vote, we will urge them to switch. I am quite confident they will. Talking to the neighbors on Crocus Hill (not a brick alley), they have done the same.

Trust the citizens. Most of the time, the majority of residents don't pay attention to Council issues, (other than the perennial folks who show up for everything!). This issue, no matter who I speak with, are opposed to government controlled trash hauling. My 2 cents. Good luck on this vote.

Best,

Renee

July 13

Anonymous – Caller is opposed to coordinated trash collection. They recycle and compost and call a hauler when needed. They refuse to pay for garbage and have hired an attorney to stop this campaign of Councilmember's forcing people to pay for things they don't use. This is a big burden on elderly on fixed incomes and the disabled. Will have the Councilmember's voted out if they vote yes. They are calling the AARP next.

Therese Capistrant – stated that she is opposed to the trash ordinance because they lose the ability to choose their hauler. It isn't fair to charge for 3 bulky items if they don't use the service and don't feel they should be bullied into it. Will there be a credit for not having 3 bulky items, and will there be a senior discount? She is also unhappy with the recycling; it's an eyesore and Eureka is ruining the carts by slamming them down and breaking the wheels.

July 14

Alice Hausman – She is a supporter but they don't need bulky items & Christmas tree pick-up. How will the Jewish and Muslim communities feel about paying for this service?

Milda Hedblom – Opposed

Merriam Park Resident – Stated they want to keep Pete's Hauling

Jeff Johnson – The new prices will increase \$160 more a year. This is outrageous and not what is being stated as roughly the same price.

July 15

Tom Scaramuzzo – Long time retired Public Works employee asking to please support the trash collection. He's tired of 5-7 garbage trucks on his street. St. Paul deserves and can do better. Thanks for the hard work.

July 20

Tom Farnsworth – Opposed to coordinated trash collection. Garbage sharing should be negotiated to help with the opposition.

Nancy Finch – Doesn't want this trash socialism. When people refuse to pay, and when they leave, and the absentee landlords fill up the housing stock, there will be more dumping. She takes her own trash to the TC Refuge. If you go through with the coordinated trash collection you'll have the worst nightmare you've ever had in this City. Idiots!

Anonymous – If you're taking on Consolidation for the trash, then you need to consolidate the ally snow plowing as well. Many are struggling to get the ally plowed; having to beg your neighbors for money. If you have the big kahoona's to take on trash then make it equitable for everybody to consolidate both situations. If you don't understand what I'm saying then you really don't understand your community. Good Bye!

Susan Nelson – Really likes her hauler (Berquist). She had a lot of trouble with the bigger haulers. She doesn't want the hassle of not having the trash picked up. Please let her know what can be done and if we have any input on this.

George Dunn – in a general sense he has long supported coordinated trash collection but the numbers that are being talked about in monthly fees seem many times. He currently pays \$20/month sharing and they never get close to filling up the can because they care about what they throw away. He has never had large items hauled away; this should be individually contracted. The prices need to come down or there will be a whole sale revolt about this whole program. The concept needs to be matched with the numbers so it works and you have to recognize that people share garbage. Those that do not generate a lot of garbage should not be punished.

Tom Trap – Frustrated with hearing about the changes in the trash hauling. He’s had Pete’s for 35 years and have been very happy with them. The extra costs are ridiculous and he’d be paying more with no better service without knowing who’s taking care of the trash. He’d like his name added to the list of people who do not think any change should be made.

Anonymous – They do not want to see an agreement between the City and 15 haulers. They do not have that many trucks on their street and what happens to the people that bring their compost to the compost site? She would prefer a No Vote.

Harriet Mednick – She really don’t like the idea of coordinated trash collection. It takes away choice, and she doesn’t see many trucks in her alley. It also stifles competition.

Judy Gillet’s – Opposed to trash hauling system, it’s thwart with problems. The system should be left how it is.

July 24

Sandy Johnson – She was called and told to register a message opposed to the City garbage take over. She is satisfied and has had her hauler for 5-6 years. You are mucking up the system with all the tricks. It’s getting more expensive and its terrible what their planning to do. She’ll be calling more people.

No Name – Opposed to coordinated trash system. She pays too much as it is and this is not in the best interest of the tax payers of St. Paul.

Larry Starns – Please oppose the upcoming coordinated trash ordinance. We need competition. Ramsey County and St. Paul have been steadily increasing the costs of living for some time now. He and his wife are thinking about leaving because they are retiring and don’t want the cost. They’ve been at their residence for 37 years, they believe in competition, and their taxes are high enough. Also, St. Paul has lost a lot of employers over the years.

July 25

John Perozino – Opposed to the City take over garbage collection.

Pat Walker – He is on a fixed income and retired. \$150 more a year will not be to his advantage except for the environment.

No Name – Called to urge you to vote no. They will follow up with an email. Issues will come up with no efficiency and it will create a huge waste issue. Also, they have been reading a lot of bad stuff on next door and other various outlets.

Steve Costa – Disapproves of the trash ordinance. It's driving out small business. He will be paying double and he's not okay with that. You're creating a monopoly and not letting us chose. He has much more to say. It needs to be such down. It's not good for the community or St. Paul. He would like a call back.

Annie Rupp – Opposed to the organized trash collection. We need to see the forest through the trees. We need to replace the Ash trees and beautify the city. Why are you worried about the wear and tear on the alley? Let's concentrate on things that are more obvious than a few pot holes. What about the environmental impact of the 10's of thousands of dollars going out to resident's trash bins when we have perfectly good ones currently. If people want lower rates they can negotiate that directly with a whole list of garbage haulers and on top of that now you've got folks sharing bins or you've got folks who reduce their waste down to nothing and now they'll be subsidizing wate collection for resident of the city that don't curb their waste. Oppose it or she will have a very different vote next election.

July 26

Rebecca Connolly, Ward 3 – said she left a message with Councilmember Tolbert and wanted you to know that she's had her trash hauler since 1970 and they do a fine job. The City doesn't need to be involved. The rates will go up.

Mary Jane Derosier – She wants to go on the record as opposed to coordinated trash hauling. She likes her current hauler and the money they spend on their service.

Elaine Wiesmann – Concerned about losing their trash hauler. This program is moving too fast and they don't have all the information. She doesn't want to lose the service she has.

Robert Schmall – Opposed to coordinated trash collection.

Lifelong Resident, 40 years in the Hamline/Midway – He's been sharing with 2 of his neighbors for some years now and its working out perfectly. He stands in strong opposition to the coordinated trash collection because it doesn't allow for sharing, and also because he doesn't see any dumping in his neighborhood. He's retired and drives around a lot but doesn't see anything dumped in the area.

7/20/17 9 AM Phone Call:

Therese Capistrant 9XX Englewood – called before, wanted to make sure her opposition was heard. Currently pay \$37/every 3 months. Concerned there is no senior citizen discount; can't share with a neighbor; doesn't think the 3 bulky items will reduce dumping; and also shouldn't have to pay for a service they won't use.

Hi Dai,

I couldn't make it to the City Council meeting tonight, but Patricia Ohmans advised me to email you directly.

You may remember I've been active in pushing forward the OTC program for the City. I really believed the prices would stay the same or go down, since there would be less overhead for haulers. But I was ready to pay an additional \$5/month to have a better system for everyone.

But tonight I ran the numbers. A neighbor and I share one small trash can, so my current trash hauling costs are \$140/yr. Unless the City also allows us to share 1 can, my neighbor and I will each pay about \$300/yr for OTC. I won't have 3 bulky items to dispose of per year; I haven't even had 1 in the last 18 years. And I can't afford a Christmas tree, so I won't need that hauled either.

I'm disabled and live on about \$1300/month; my ends never meet. I have a mortgage (which eats more than ½ my income and it just increased by \$50/month); my car is old and in need of maintenance and repairs; I can't mow my own lawn anymore so now I have to pay for that, too. And Disability benefits have never kept up with the cost of living. How can homeowners like me pay more than double for trash service? That's just not reasonable. Especially when so many of us are environmentalists who recycle and compost everything we can so we're not putting much trash into the system. There has to be an OTC provision that works for us.

Can sharing service be added to the City program? Can there be vouchers or some other system for those who need bulky items and Christmas trees picked up? Otherwise, this whole situation feels like bait & switch, and yet another means of driving poor people deeper into debt and out of their homes.

Please advise.

Thanks.

Gene Marault

9XX Charles Avenue

Hi Dai, We have been following the progress on organized trash collection with interest. Today, we finally found out how much it will cost and realized our bill would increase by 12%. Most of our neighbors are in the same position. The city is solving a "problem" that for us doesn't need solving. Right now we can negotiate with our hauler and switch providers if we are not happy with our service. That will go away with the new system. Please don't cram this down our throats and let's take a step back and get more feedback from people. Most people, when they learn the cost are not in favor.

We currently have Aspen. Our Current quarterly bill for 65 Gallon service is \$89.70 with tax. We have not had the need for large item pickup.

Thank you

Jon and Jenny Whitling

8XX Edmund.

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Please listen to your constituents and stop this unnecessary government overreach.

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I was pleased to learn from Joe Soucheray's column that St Paul has delayed the decision on how they will take over the garbage hauling situation in the city. This expensive idea has been a source of irritation for me all along. For many years, my garbage truck has only come down my alley once every 6-8 weeks because Highland Sanitation allows me to request pick up when my can is full, and I use very little and recycle nearly everything (and only put out my small recycling cart every 3-4 weeks). This new arrangement will mean a leap from paying \$60-80 per year to a minimum of just under \$600! (That's if I take the 35 gallon cart and every-two-week pickup.) What sort of incentive is that for me to recycle and re-use????

I wouldn't mind if they divided the city amongst the haulers in order to reduce truck traffic, assuming that the haulers could collect their carts and redistribute them. But there should be NO

yearly fee to the city – as Joe says, whatever is it for? – and there should be an option for on-demand pick-up to reward those of us who make very little garbage.

Amy Anderson

-- Amy Anderson 3XX Aurora Ave St Paul, MN 55103

****.** Also, I need to make a correction. My yearly cost on the suggested plan would be \$300, not \$600. But that is still ridiculously more than \$60-80 per year.

Dear Mr. Thao,

I live in Frogtown, and I am writing to voice my opposition to the proposed organized trash collection rates. I've lived in Chicago, where the trash collection service is provided by the city, and I thought it worked really well; there was no limit on the number of large items that people could toss - if it was in the alley, it would be picked up, no matter what it was, no questions asked. So I thought St. Paul's proposal would be similar, and the rates would be reasonable. I was completely wrong!

The proposal provides for services between \$21 to \$32 per month, depending upon barrel size, on top of an annual administrative fee of \$52. I currently pay \$16.88 per month (or \$202.52 per year), for a 64 gallon cart, with NO administrative fee. I am considering transferring to 32 gallon cart, because I typically have only 1-2 bags of trash each week; thus my costs would likely decrease.

The proposed rates would increase my costs, for an equivalent 65 gallon/weekly service, to \$29.76 per month, or \$357.12 per year, plus the annual fee of \$52. **My annual cost would be \$409.12, thus INCREASING my cost for trash collection by \$206.60 per year.** I would have NO SAVINGS for organized trash collection. \$206 is a LOT of money to me. It may not be a lot of money to you or the other city council representatives, but it is to me!

I encourage you and your colleagues to either discontinue the proposed organized trash collection, or negotiate better rates. From the sound of things, most people in St. Paul would see an INCREASE! You may say, oh well, less maintenance on the roads/alleys, less noise, etc., people can then have up to 3 large items removed: those are all nice things, but the fact of the matter is, the rates you negotiated will cause a significant hardship on me, and most likely on many many other citizens of St. Paul. I don't have large items to toss, so I would not benefit from that anyway; and the noise, really, it's nominal. I can't speak for road/alley maintenance, though, but I highly doubt the revenue raised from these service fees would go to maintenance of the roads/alleys. Plus, how much maintenance is currently ACTUALLY TRULY done, and what exactly is the cost to maintain roads/alleys for damage caused **SOLELY** by garbage haulers?

Thank you for taking your time to read my letter and consider my concerns. Please share my letter with your colleagues.

Sincerely,

Margaret Tracy

7XX Van Buren Avenue

Phone call 7/20 11:40 AM:

Linda Johnson, 10XX Topping ; against organized trash, particular concerned about increased fees. She pays \$80.50/quarter now. Recently went up and she was able to call and negotiate, they gave her a discount as a senior. Very concerned about this proposal.

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The recycling system is a case in point. My service is inconsistent and poor. When there are complaints on my end they are dismissed. The government run solution will be inferior to what I get now and cost more. Only government officials are likely to benefit from this.

Robert Birch

5XX SUMMIT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Chuck Gurdknecht – 4XX Marshall

Currently pays \$4 a bag to bring to dump himself, wants an opt-out clause. He's been doing this for 40 years. It takes him 4 weeks to fill one bag. Against organized trash.

Phone Call 7/21 4:15:

Norman Rambo, 10XX Arundel

Rambo would like Councilmember Thao to know that he opposes the trash ordinance because of the prices on the garbage service and because it puts a lot of people out of work.

From: Graeme Anfinson
Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:55 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: I support organized trash collecting

Hello,

I just wanted to send a quick note mentioning our support for organized trash hauling. (I'd prefer the city to do it, but that's another fight.) thanks for your hard work!!

Graeme Anfinson and Joy Dolo Anfinson
7XX Charles Ave.
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Mr. Thao

I want you to know that I am strongly in favor of the organized trash collection proposal.

Linda Skallman
13XX Selby Ave.

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:33 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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I'm all for a Minneapolis system of garbage collection, but I currently pay \$45/quarter. The buying power should be able to reduce this, not double it. I am opposed to this until the fee structure is in line with what I am paying currently.

Samuel Gilbertson

11XX LAUREL AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

I am in favor of organized trash pick up. I am low income and try to live zero waste so I don't make very much trash or recycling.

I request that there be an added lower price for once a month pick up, allow trash service sharing and add a low income reduced price.

I currently share garbage service with my neighbors to reduce the price, I pay \$8 a month.

Thank you for all the work that you have done to get to this point. I would also like to suggest city wide internet service for your next project.

April Aegerter

7XX Lexington Pkwy N

Phone call 7/21 11 AM:

6XX Portland, Peggy Bonneville

Wants Dai to oppose to organized trash. Will cost more and doesn't think service will be any better. Large bin and is \$58/3 months. In past and doesn't believe govt will do it better or it will reduce dumping

SCENIC HIGHWAY 42

Mr Thao,

Please don't allow the city to dictate which trash hauler we use. I've had neighbors who have had nothing but problems with the national haulers, (they are not responsive at all, because they don't have to be, and so their customer service sucks). And in doing the math my cost would go up. So it's not a savings. If others feel their costs would go down by doing so then they should maybe switch to MY hauler and forego the hopes for dictated hauling.

I see a slippery slope of governmental involvement in such services when it's not necessary.

[redacted; related to other issues]

Sincerely,

Kate Vichich

15XX Hague Ave

Phone call 7/20:

Erin Aldrich – Frogtown Resident

SUPPORTIVE of organized trash, thinks it will be great for the neighborhood. Dumping is such an issue, and this is the only way the city can combat it.

Council Member Thao,

It was good to see you Wednesday night. It's hard to comprehend that it has been almost a year since the council met to start the process to organize trash collection in St. Paul. I wanted to weigh in on the coordinated collection agreement. As you know, I have been against Organized Collection from the beginning, I made that clear in our meetings. I also think that the time for that conversation ended on July 21, 2016 when the council passed the resolution to begin the OC process.

The last 10 months of negotiations have been grueling. Despite what the Waste Management attorney said about city staff, I feel the process was well managed. There were more than a few times when I would have liked to throw Kris and Ann out the window, but I know there were times they felt the same about me. That's how negotiating goes. The agreement represents multiple compromises on both sides, and was signed by all fifteen haulers. I believe it is a solid program that will serve the vast majority of St. Paul residents well.

The issue of rates was brought up with a comparison to Maplewood. Maplewood was taken away from the independents on a low ball bid by a national company (the lowest rate in the state). The same company has the contract for North St. Paul and charges 76% HIGHER for their 35 gallon cart than they do in Maplewood. For a real comparison, North St. Paul has bulkie collection included in their program. Their 35 gallon cart rate with taxes and bulkies is \$22.48 for 2017. Our proposal is actually for a 2019 rate so adjust NSP by 2.5% a year for CPI and their 2019 rate would be **\$23.62**, our hauler proposal for a 35 gallon cart is **\$23.77**. For \$.15/month we are going to carrying bad debt for up to a year, provide walk up service to handicapped residents, take Holiday Trees for free, provide a free cart size change every year, and do the billing. Keep in mind NSP doesn't have a Frog Town or a North End or a Payne/Phalen area like St. Paul and its mostly street pick up which is conducive to fully automated collection. The city spent \$300K on consultants who know the industry and the market. I must assume they approve of the agreement.

I hope the council approves the resolution so that we can begin the ominous task of implementing the program.

Thank you,

Matt

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We already have to pay for things that Mpls does not such as tree limbs and shrubs household items etc.. We dont get what we pay for in taxes.. We only get our street cleaned once a year! St. Paul does not do enough to keep the city clean. I don't want to pay 1 cent more for NOTHING!! YOU Do Better !!

Deborah Thomas

1XX LYTON PL
Saint Paul, MN 55117

Phone call 7/21

Bob Koff - 9XX Ashland, strongly opposed to organized trash and wont support ANY councilmember who supports it.

From: Dan Hunt
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:00 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: organized garbage collection

Hello Council Member Thao-

You may have remembered that we have talked about this before, but when I saw the information about the City Council delaying the vote for another week, I wanted to reach out and reiterate my thoughts on the OGC issue.

As you may recall, a number of years ago I got a small dumpster behind my house setup for weekly service. We have ten families that have given up there own garbage service to share this dumpster with our family. These 10 families pay \$10/month for this dumpster. Beyond the low cost of this service it has some additional benefits-

1. People don't have an additional garbage can on there alley and there are fewer trucks than with individual garbage service
2. The dumpster being in a central location creates opportunity for neighbors to see each and connect in ways they might not if they had individual garbage collection
3. There is usually room in the dumpster so that if people have additional garbage, it's not a problem to get rid of it on a weekly basis

4. We've been able to offer the additional space to other neighbors who have more garbage than what there can will hold- most of the time it tends to be construction debris or something like that.

5. I do billing on a quarterly basis which makes it easier for people (and me) to pay 4 times/year instead of 12. Because of the low cost of this shared dumpster, there are a number of families that pay for the whole year.

While the OGC may create a savings and good options for many in our community, it would be a step backward for all of us that are sharing this dumpster together. If there is a way that you could preserve the opportunity for people to opt out of the OGC, it would preserve the good thing that we've already put together and enjoyed it's benefits for many years. If you'd like hear more about this in person or my testimony in front of the Council would be helpful, please let me know.

Sincerely,

Dan Hunt

9XX Charles Ave.

From: Terry Day
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 3:29 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Organized Collection

If this change is going to increase cost, then this is not helping to stop people from throwing trash and rubbish in alleys empty lots.

Just less Trucks.

City rates have also increased.

My trash collection company is - Advance Disposal - below is my rate increases.

Sept 9, 2016	\$72.32
Dec 31, 2016	\$75,21
Mar 31, 2017	\$78.98
Jun 30, 2017	\$82.74

Thank You
Terry Day

From: Michelle Malone
Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:02 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Organized trash hauling

I oppose this measure as it is clear to me that this decision was going to be made without informing homeowners in Saint Paul of what amounts to a significant change in the way we handle garbage hauling. No mailing was sent out to each homeowner (in their own language) detailing the specifics of this change and how

it may affect them. That doesn't even take into account businesses, rental properties and churches. How does this affect them?

I do not accept that social media campaigns on-line or a blurb in the newspaper (free or not) are sufficient information or notice. This type of change requires a mailing by the city government to all affected homeowners (taxpayers). That mailing should include all pertinent details and the contact information for the people who will be voting on this change in their ward. Government cannot rely upon electronic communication or platforms that cost money to communicate with it's citizens.

A citizen of Saint Paul

Michelle Malone

17XX Lafond Ave

55104

From: Mickey13@hotmail.com
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 1:46 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Mike Tierney

13XX ASHLAND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

From:
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 7:49 AM

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Carol Wanless

4XX SHERBURNE AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: Roxanne Karney [mailto:rmkarney211@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 10:38 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject:

Good morning,

I would very much appreciate a reconsideration of the plan to force trash hauling on residents of St. Paul. Is there anyone who is speaking up for the elderly and single people who will now be forced to 'subsidize' other larger families by being forced to pay a monthly fee now if such individuals are NOT allowed to share and opt-out?

With rising costs making it difficult for many elderly to stay in and maintain their homes, this is just ine more well meaning edict that will make St. Paul too costly to live in for many residents!

I personally do not have a service as I am a senior citizen, compost and recycle almost all of my waste; I share with a neighbor IF I have anything that needs to be tossed (which usually amounts to one waste basket size of waste from product packaging). I know there are many others like me that have worked hard to recycle and compost and are now going to be penalized!

This goes against the initiative for recycling and composting and if everyone is forced to pay the same

amount will just go back to throwing everything out in the trash anyway since they are forced to pay for it anyway!

What is going on?

I am in agreement with all the problems stated with the trash hauling proposal but I wonder if the City Council considers the many senior citizens and individuals who have, by purchase choices, recycling and composting (all stated to be a goal of the City!) have reduced trash to less than a waste bag per week?

Under this proposal, they would be forced to 'subsidize' others who do not bother to compost or recycle and I fear many will end up going back to just filling the trash cans since they have to pay for them anyway!!

Also, by not allowing sharing, they are adding a burden to our senior citizens and others living on disability or a fixed income to pay for services not used or needed! This could make keeping their homes even more difficult! ***Or does this group of people not matter to the City Council?***

Thank you!

Roxanne Karney

21XXTemple Ct

St. Paul MN 55104

From:

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:46 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Am senior citizen lived in same house over thirty years. On fixed income with chronic medical issues. Your plan seems to cost more than I can handle. Soc sec is only income. You should be figuring out how to alleviate our problems not add to them. Am not n favor of any increase .

Luanna Leslie

9XX FRONT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 5:32 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
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Stop this nonsense and trying to tax us!

Patrick Connolly

15XX ASHLAND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 11:44 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
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Your first step before even being considered for mayor would be to listen to what your community wants! St. Paul's city officials are all playing fast and loose with taxpayers money and grant money and you know it. Show us your not following the herd! We don't want this!

Michele Hays

6XX FARRINGTON ST
Saint Paul, MN 55103

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:46 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Garbage collection

Hi i am a retired Senior, in Frogtown. I currently pay \$42 for three months of garbage collection. That is \$14 a month!

I understand I will be paying a whole lot more if you vote for the proposed contract. Sounds like someone wasn't very good at negotiating. Can you explain the whole lot of more benefit I will be getting? We are getting a bad deal and if you vote for a bad deal at my expense I will remember it.

Jim

Frogtown Resident

Further comment:

I don't usually get involved but I love the hardworking people here in Frogtown, Nobody is rich.

I just posted this on Frogtowns Facebook page. I feel pretty strongly about what the contract does to people here.

I see a lot of hardworking people with not a lot of extra cash in Frogtown. If you see something different let me know where to look. For me, the increased cost will be 2 weeks of groceries a year, almost \$200,

for 1/2 the service. I don't see a benefit. I have never seen the number of trucks in my alley as an issue. In the winter if enough have gone through I can get my car out and down the alley.

The occasional dumping of garbage is a sign of people with not enough money or means to dispose of their garbage. It is a sign of poverty. I feel for them and wish there were better opportunities in the area where I live. I take care of the garbage dumped on my property. I don't understand taking money out of the community when it does not address the core issue. The current contract is counter to the welfare of Frogtown.

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 2:51 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Kevin Sederstrom

9XX EDMUND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6:43 AM

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Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Samantha Seledic

5XX EDMUND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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Michele Anderson

7X FRONT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55117

Phone call 7/25 9:20 AM:

Patricia Peterson

12XX Blair – opposed to organized trash.

Earl T

10XX Iglehart – opposed to organized trash. No further comment. Pays \$90/3 months. Thought city was already picking up his trash.

Supportive of organized trash. Pays \$100/month.

Marvin Gibbons

8XX Abermarle

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 12:11 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Against! - Organize Trash collection in St Paul

Dear Councilman Thao,

Please vote **against** the citywide organized trash collection. This would increase my trash collection costs as I currently only take my trash to a collection site as needed.

Regards,
Ward Lenius

15XX Hague Ave
St Paul, MN 55104

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Greg Palenschat

4XX IGLEHART AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 8:14 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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I don't want anymore of Ramsey County in anything regarding Financial business with me whatsoever. Ramsey County needs to worry about its overwhelming issues that they already have they need not explore other ways to run our lives leave garbage alone it's not broke we don't need you to fix it break it make it worse. So tired of City officials and government officials getting their greedy little hands in every single thing they can and Ramsey County is by far one of the worst. Leave my garbage alone.

Brian Poppoff

10XX CENTRAL AVE W
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Ken Holmgren, 5XX LaFond– His concern is the proposed plan has two issues, financial and taking away a person's right to choose. Hasn't used a garbage hauling service for 10 years. He has limited income. The cost for people like him is a large concern. Other concern there isn't an allowance for sharing. He understands the truck and dumping problems, but there needs to be an allowance.

Phone call 7/26 12:40:

Karen Peterson 8X N. Victoria – Against organized trash, thinks it will be bad for the city, and should have choice in haulers.

From: Diana Spurgeon [<mailto:dianaebillings@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:34 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Trash hauling

Dear Council member Tolbert,

I just want to say that I strongly support organized trash hauling. It will save us money on road/alley repair, noise, traffic and pollution. I know many residents are voicing strong opposition, so I just wanted to make sure those in support are being heard as well.

Thanks!

Sincerely,

Diana Spurgeon
1420 Summit Av

From: Arona Roshal [<mailto:aroshal@uwalumni.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 1:33 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: garbage pickup

Dear Mr. Tolbert,
vote **against** organized trash collection
Please show your support for innovation, local businesses and economic development by voting **against** organized trash collection.
Please show your support for St. Paul residents to organize among themselves with innovative ideas, to work directly with trash haulers for pricing, to support local businesses.
vote **against** organized trash collection

Thank You

Arona

Phone:

Pat Seidl, 4XX Etna- rejects current city proposal and prefers private trash hauling

Brian Gove, 21XX 3rd Street E speaks for several of his neighbors. They opposes organized hauling. He pays \$20 per quarter and has never had a problem with his hauler. Your constituents trust you to support them.

Tony Clotier, 12XX 3rd street opposes government run trash hauling. It didn't work before and probably won't now.

Ann Frascone, 16XX Sherwood hopes you vote against city-run trash

James, 22XX Powers Ave - Please oppose city trash take-over

Email:

From: Mark Knapp [mailto:mark.r.knapp@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:45 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

Subject: City Trash Service

Hello Jane,

I talked to Anne Hunt today who was very nice to have a conversation with about the citywide trash collection option. I hope I have the chance to talk with you too, before your meeting Wednesday 7/25 at 3:30pm.

I get the idea to have fewer trucks on the road; I am in favor of that too!

A few concerns I have:

- 1) Increase expense of \$175 annually vs my current large container with Advance Disposal.
- 2) I put my container on vacation hold a couple times a year for a month in total, that is lost savings of \$15-20.
- 3) \$50/ annual admin fee (additional expense).
- 4) These three items total close to \$250/yr of additional expense for me. There might be an average savings of \$35, that is not the case for me. I am diligent about financial matters and would be penalized because others might not be as much.
- 5) Bulky items, I frankly do not have the need for this service. I have been a homeowner for 20 years, there might be three time in 20 years where I would take advantage of this option. I am resourceful in recycling items, if I have any. Sure there will be residents that will benefit, but let's consider the aging population that is not generating as much trash or the minimalist too. Sure, I get the random sofa issue, but to have a mandate now for every resident. Would eliminate the random sofa issue anyway.
- 6) Quality of service, doesn't the marketplace set that? My trash not picked up, I would switch haulers otherwise.

7) With the recycling containers now, how much of a trash problem is there? I put more and more in recycling and have less and less of a need for traditional trash service. Are we discouraging recycling with this price structure?

I feel with the expense and the bulky item program, this service should be revisited. This is a five year commitment, let's get this right. I do not feel there has been enough time for feedback from residents, I just found out about it over the weekend.

This should say something; I have never contacted City Council on a matter before. Let me know, what can I do to help?

Thanks!

Mark Knapp
651.402.9836

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Mark Knapp

From: Coley Gillis [mailto:coley.gillis@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 7:13 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Trash collection

I am very pleased with my current hauler and believe my rate is very comparable. I don't see an advantage for me to possibly pay more and add another \$52.00 on top. Please don't vote to pass this.

Thank you,

Colleen Gillis

From: Mary Donlan [mailto:mdonlan16@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:40 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: City wide organized trash collection

Hello Jane,

My husband and I moved to the Battle Creek neighborhood a little over a year ago and have been extremely happy with community, residents, and the luxury of living so close to battle creek park trails. What we're not happy with is the proposed organized trash collection that's been widely communicated and discussed within our neighborhood. My husband and I have been very happy with our trash

collection provider and when we moved to the area, appreciated that the city of St. Paul allowed its residents to have free will in shopping around for this particular service. If organized trash collection passes then the option of shopping around for price comparison completely goes out the window and our community is stuck paying a premium due to a monopolized service. I understand there is a vote on this matter tomorrow which is why we wanted to voice our opinions in a timely manner. I hope you are hearing the displeasure being voiced by the residents of St. Paul but also appreciate you taking the time to read this. Lastly, if I'm incorrect in anything I've stated above regarding this matter I would welcome your feedback to correct my assumptions.

Much appreciated.

Mary & Jordan Buth

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Stop the insanity of changing what has worked and taxpayers (people) DO NOT WANT. Go some way else to obtain revenue or lower your salaries! What happened to individual enterprise to choose. Give up this insane quest and listen to the people.

Bill Panger
1185 BURNS AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Joe Greenwood

1936 4TH ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I don't want my garbage hauler to change, so please don't try and find x something that isn't broken

Melissa Zelle
1336 MARGARET ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Linda King-Johnson
1831 BUSH AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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This will adversely impact me financially if approved. We all ready pay higher taxes than other close by municipalities and the increased cost is a direct tax to me. Free choice in regards to trash hauling makes sense and imposing specific handlers is inappropriate.

Gary Wheeler
2173 6TH ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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It will increase my cost and I am retired on a fixed income...not happy!

Gloria Carter
1259 REANEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Good Morning,

I am requesting that more negotiations take place if the city is to switch to the Organized Trash Collection method. I am opposed to this method as I believe we should be able to choose who provides our service as each household has different needs and budgets.

With the currently proposed rates, I would be paying DOUBLE what I am now and that is only the monthly cost, not including the extra fees the city will charge for "admin and cart maintenance". I did not negotiate for a better rate either, I simply chose a company and that is what they charge. I live in a single family home by myself so I don't have a lot of trash needs therefore I refuse to pay any higher than I am now. If this contract goes through, citizens should be given the option to opt out of trash service or to share costs with neighbors. There are many single resident homes in Saint Paul and it is not fair for those of us who don't create a lot of trash to have to pay the same as families with multiple members. This current proposal does have smaller cart options along with every other week pickup, but why should we be forced to have less service and still pay MORE? All of the options proposed will cost me more than I already pay (not even considering extra city fees), including the ones with half the container size and with service only every other week. This is completely unacceptable.

Additionally, how does this work for yard waste programs as not all of the providers offer this service?

Please take this into consideration before voting to approve a contract. These issues need to be figured out to a reasonable price and allow us to have the same services we already have before a contract is signed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Jenn Bolan

From: Creekside Court [mailto:creeksidecourt13@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 12:35 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Trash Haulers

Ms. Prince:

We are small townhome community of 24. The proposed trash hauler thing would cost us more than \$200 a month besides the \$1224 the containers would cost us.

We have had a very good relationship with Advanced Disposal over some 25 years, and would hate it to end. Of our 24 there might be one large item to be disposed of, which is supposedly of some incentive..

Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Theis
Treasurer
Creekside Court Townhomes Association