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I am a widow, living alone, sharing trash with a neighbor....paying less than \$70 per year for 1 or 2 small bags of trash per week! I recycle everything that can be recycled; I deliver my scrap metal & my compostables. Please be fair to every citizen. Leave it alone,

Nancy Busse

7xx CALIFORNIA AVE W – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Hi There,

As a resident of Ward 5, District 6 I want to express my displeasure in the idea of city provided trash collection.

Here are the reason I feel this is not a good idea -

- We have city provided recycling and the change to wheeled carts was a fiasco.
- The city and MN DOT disagreed for how long on who should clean up the parcel of land and ordinary citizens ended up cleaning it up. This does not show initiative, it shows lack of responsibility.
- I'm happy with my current trash hauler. I do my research and I find the company best suited for my needs - yard waste bin, etc.
- Sounds like a city provided trash service is a monopoly. We already have a monopoly of provide services in St Paul - cable, phone, etc.
- The city already provides snow plowing and street maintenance, which depending upon where you live you either get service first or service last or maybe not even service at all.

Unfortunately, those of us who live close to other cities such as Roseville and Maplewood, which we do, we see the city out plowing their streets much, much sooner than St Paul ever gets to my neighborhood.

The City of St. Paul should focus on other issues - budget, right of way assessments, street maintenance, making Rice Street safer for pedestrians, getting families and the next generation to live in this city, property taxes and schools - and let private citizens decide who they want to pick up their trash.

If you need further information from me or I should be sending this to another department, please let me know.

Best regards,
Lisa Mack Dargontina
1xxx Virginia Street – Ward 5
Saint Paul MN 55117

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City run garbage service is NOT in the best interest of citizens!!! Please listen to your constituents regarding this matter.

Beth Langevin

6xx LARPEN TEUR AVE W – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55113

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100% agree, I have lived in St Paul for over 25 years and have used the same company. I have NEVER had trouble with them.

Tom Bedford

6xx COTTAGE AVE W – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Since the City of Saint Paul lost their assessment (which are taxes) case by the Minnesota Supreme Court decision, our leaders are trying to find ways to implement ways to get more money, case in point: adopting a single trash hauling system.

They claim people who move to Saint Paul are frustrated by having so many trash haulers and the City wants to simplify the process.

I don't live in a communist city. I have the right to choose my own trash hauler and I don't like the threat of a possible assessment if I don't agree with the City!

I'm keeping my trash hauler, East Metro Environmental (EME)!

The City needs to leave this issue alone, learn to budget and focus on more important issues!

Jacqueline Heintz
7xx Como Avenue - Ward 5
Saint Paul MN 55103
651-600-0240

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I'm concerned for three additional reasons: (1) I think the cost to residents will be higher than it is now and will increase every year. My hauler has done a good job keeping the cost down. (2) I don't like the way Eureka contract was rolled out so assume this will be filled with surprises too. For example, despite's of pre-roll out informational meeting we never knew there were going to be chips in our recycling bins and these chips cost over a million dollars. Waste of our money to say nothing of the intrusion. I lost trust in the city council on that one. (3) my hauler, Pete's is a second generation family owned local business and I don't want to see their business hurt. Many of the other haulers e.g. Waste Management are huge nationals and I think they'll manipulate the system to get more than their fair share.

Pat Owen

1xxx CHURCHILL ST – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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Mark Osweiler

1xx BIGLOW LN – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Thompson would like to keep the trash business the way it is. It does not need to be controlled by the City. This is too much for the City to control. –Racquel, 6-8573

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Nancy McKinley

1xxx AVON ST N – Ward 5
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Last time I checked, less competition (or in this case, a monopoly) means higher costs for the consumer. This in NO WAY benefits the people of St. Paul and will only cause higher prices. Furthermore, as proven with the recycling bin roll out, government run enterprises have a higher probability of failure with no accountability. This entire exercise is frankly a total waste of time and will only mean increased costs, on top of the absurdly high property taxes, levies, and utility costs already inflicted on top of St. Paul residence.

Matthew Williams

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Stay out of my freedom to choose my own Garbage hauler.

Thereaa Zaspel

5xx IVY AVE E – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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I like how I can choose the right service and size of container I need for my family. With the help of recycling I was able to downsize from a 65 to a 35 container. I am proud of how much waste i am avoiding to the landfill. The city shouldn't step into this business. I can barely afford my payments right now. I don't want the city to change what already is working for me.

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8xx AGATE ST – Ward 5
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Tom Fruen

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Jane Schallert

9xx EDGERTON ST - Ward5
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This is a move AWAY from freedom, and a move away from "Freedom of Choice". Citizens and voters are capable of making their own decisions about garbage pickup service. With free enterprise we receive the best service for the lowest price, true VALUE. Don't fix something that ain't broken!

Charles Mason

1xxx COMO BLVD E – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Ward 5 TELEPHONE CALLS – All Against

Ward 5 Anonymous call. No One Size Fits All. **Against** organized trash. Many households have only one person in them. Not equitable.

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Ward 5, Jon Lowry, 1xxx Cumberland St. **Against** government run garbage haul-away. It's just wrong.

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Ward 5, Nancy Osborn, 7xx Desoto St. **Against** City takeover of the garbage. They generate enough money; and the tings already charged for don't come through with fulfillment i.e. street cleaning, taxes, and charges. Like to see it stay the way it is.

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Ward 5, Priscilla Johnson, 1xxx Arundel St. **Against.** Hopes City takeover where residents have no choice of who garbage hauler will be won't happen. Very opposed. No call-back needed.

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Ward 5, Sue Salinas, 1xxx Arundel St. 651-292-8455 **Against.** One size fits all. Our fact sheet was shared with her.

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Ward 5, Janet Corey, 1xxx Chelsea St., 651-487-1674 **Against.** City trash collection. Bad idea.

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Ward 5, Peter Seghieri, 1xxx Albemarle St., 651-488-3859. **Against** organized trash collection. Shared fact sheet with him.

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Ward 5, Stan Bougie, 1xx E. Larpenteur, 651-489-9543. **Against.** Apparently City doesn't believe in free enterprise. He'd like to keep hauler he has. Shared Fact Sheet with him.

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Ward 5, James Ulrich, 430 Hatch, 651-489-7857. **Against.** Would like to see it stay the same. Keep the private haulers; he feels it's good to have a competitive market.

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Ward 5, Dean Charles, 1275 Folsom St., 651-487-9009. **Against** one size fits all.

Kim O'Brien took these four calls:

Ward 5, Katie Dimmel, 1xxx Dale St. N. Against.

Ward 5, Jim Randstrom, 1xxx W. Iowa Against.

Ward 5, Larry McMahon, 1xxx Fernwood St. Against.

Ward 5, Gail Tuccitto, 8xx Jessie St. Against.

Ward 5, Wilfred Anderson, 5xx E. Cook. Against. No gov't intervention. Private industry does it better.

Their combined concerns included: No organized hauling; They are against it; like contracting with their own hauler; don't want a monopoly; don't want small haulers to lose their jobs.