

Ward 3 Phone calls in support of OTC

Jeanette Hillard

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Nora No Last Name
David Siegel
David Skinner
John Ryan
Holly Balfour
Mr. Phillips
Priscilla Laberge
Michele Micko

Lorraine Fabio – Got a call from a Steve Belbyon (msp?) asking if she was in opposition and when she said she certainly did not want the ‘State’ collecting her trash, he gave her the W3 Number and told her when she called to give her name and address.

Mark O’Connell – XXXX Bayard – opposed city taking over organized trash collection

Anonymous – City should not be in the business of trash

Tom Mason – XXXX Bohland – Opposes ‘one size fits all’ – leave it to the private businesses to sort out themselves.

Paul Trupia – XXXX Sargent – Urged C/M Tolbert to vote against the ‘one size fits all’ – he has Berquist and very happy with them

William Anderson – XXXX Wellesley – Opposes the ‘one size fits all’ proposal and any government run program

Barbara Penn – XXXX S Wilder – Opposes city run program for trash removal

Kellie Wicker – XXXX James Ave – Opposes organized trash collection by the City of Saint Paul

Vicki Bleise – XXXX Montcalm – She’s not interested in any way of a city government overseeing trash pick up

Email’s - Opposition

No 1 from Debra Maeurer:

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time and most of our block is serviced by them, as well. When new residents have moved onto our block we suggest that they use Berquist. We love their family owned business and they would be put out of business if St. Paul takes over the garbage service. My choice is always to have smaller government, especially when an entrepreneur has served our entire block well for 23 years. Please respond that you have received my message.
Debra Maeurer
XXXX SUMNER ST
Saint Paul, MN 55116

No 2 from Debra Maeurer:

Thank you for your prompt response. I, however, still grossly disagree with the plan of the Council to move toward organized collection. The Council is 7 people making the decision for hundreds of thousands of people. Has there been any thought to seeing if that is really what the constituents want? Did you read the article in the St. Paul paper over the weekend where a representative from Berquist and Son was quoted? Your decision will definitely put them out of business!!! Also, I would love to see which haulers are the ones that people are complaining about as you say that everyone needs easier and more equitable garbage collection. We have never had one issue with Berquist in 23 years!!! Nor have I have heard of anyone of our neighbors having any issues. To me it does not appear as though you are keeping all of the options open as you state that the Council thinks it makes more sense to move to organized collection. Really? Have you or Councilmember Tolbert ever run your own business or met a payroll? We have and less government intervention is better for small business. Please encourage Councilmember Tolbert to reconsider his decision to go to organized collection at least until he has strongly considered the option to keep it the way that it is now.
Thank you, Debra Maeurer

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Daniel Ferstenou

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I don't need you to tell me who will haul my garbage the city has bigger problems why not work on them

John Fink

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It took extra years for St Paul to provide its citizens with true service based recycling program because St Paul gave Eureka a monopoly. Now the city is attempting to limit the citizens choice of garbage service. Sited reasons include the false idea that numerous garbage haulers cause excessive numbers of trucks on the streets causing wear and tear. Where is the logic here - what is next - the City limiting where St Paul businesses can purchase goods needed for their businesses because there are too many trucks delivering goods used by businesses causing excessive wear and tear on the roads. Let the citizens have right to hire the trash hauler of their choice. Thank you Carol Vee

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XXXX EDGCUMBE RD

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There are more important things to worry about than this

Dock Cleveland
XXX CLEVELAND AVE S
Saint Paul, MN 55116

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Have had Berquist since 1968. Does a great job, neat , dependable. We don't want a different service. This is just fine. The city should worry about other things more important.

Louise Roth
XXXX WELLESLEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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I have a wonderful working relationship with my garbage hauler. I'm not interested in trying to deal with the city on this because other times when there have been city issues they have been very slow to respond or very difficult to get in contact with.

Pat Bratnober
XXXX SARGENT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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Carolyn Gentz
XXXX PALACE AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear Mr Tolbert,

I will be short and sweet. I strongly disagree with and ask for your support in not backing or further pursuing a citywide trash collection system. The ridiculousness of the idea is parallel with the city telling me who my mortgage company should be or who should paint my house. The last thing taxpayers need is yet another basis to further control/tax. Let make something of actual importance a priority for the city...how about finally repaving Highland Pkwy between Snelling and Hamline? Thank you.

Todd Muntifering
XXXX Pinehurst Ave

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I spoke to your aide a few months ago and she basically had no reason for doing this, but said that you were supporting it anyway. The current system works fine, if we want to band together to organize trash collection for our block, our neighborhood, or even the whole city there is nothing preventing us from doing that right now. We do it right now for alley plowing. If we wanted to do it we would have already done it.

Brian Ashley
XXXX SARGENT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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Stop digging in our garbage
Erin Horan

XXXX BAYARD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55116

I am very concerned about this effort to consolidate garbage hauling. I understand the desire to reduce the number of trucks rumbling through the neighborhoods, and I share it. But I really, really don't want to see locally-owned, long-time businesses (like Berquist, which we use) put out of business because they don't have the capacity to cover the entire city, like one of the huge national firms. Berquist does a really good job for us. They have operated their business well under one set of rules. They should not be put out of business because the rules change and they can't suddenly bulk up to compete with Aspen and the others.

Barbara Davis
XXXX Hamline Avenue South

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We have used R & M sanitation for 30 years and have always been very satisfied with the personalized service. It would be such a tragedy to put this independent family company out of business, especially since they are doing such a good job. Please vote to allow independent trash haulers to keep their livelihoods. Thank you,

Tim and Patti O'Brien
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XXX SARGENT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Email - SUPPORT

Councilmember Tolbert:

My wife and I are in favor of organized trash collection.

John and Rita Saumweber
XXXX Juliet Avenue
St. Paul, Mn 55105

NOTE TO SELF – STOPPED W/ O'BRIEN'S IN OPP AND STOPPED W/ SAUMWEBER'S IN SUPPORT