

Ward 4 Organized Trash Collection Constituent Feedback

Standard text of the ***Wrong Idea, Wrong Time*** email:

Dear Council President Russ Stark,

A complete take over of garbage service in Saint Paul is far more complicated and not something city hall should be involved in. We object to City appointees efforts to create a government-run, one-size-fits "solution" for every home dictating costs and service level arrangements.

This is the wrong idea at the wrong time. A takeover of garbage takes the choice away from homeowners, puts companies out of business, and employees out of work. Saint Paul should be focusing its time and energy on skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs.

The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken!

Constituent comments:

I have been incredibly happy with the service I can depend on with Ken Berquist and sons. For 18 years I worked at night and was home during the day and have never been bothered by garbage trucks in my alley.

Edward O'Donnell

16xx PORTLAND AVE

I share the cost of my garbage with a family member, i dont wana be forced to have to pay this cost on my own.

Philip Preuss

12xx SEMINARY AVE

This was a "city takeover" without input or the thoughts of users.

Glennys Thormodsgaard

23xx BUFORD AVE

Constituent (independent) against comment:

Good Morning Russ,

I know we don't agree n this point but I again wanted to express my opposition to organized trash collection. I see from the Sunday paper that you hare having trouble getting the local haulers to agree to do more for less. I understand your rationale in theory it makes sense, however I have learned in life that theory is just that it doesn't mean it works that way in the real world. I understand you want less truck on the road however less usually means bigger trucks and in my alleyway those large trucks simply don't fit. I chose the hauler I use because it is a small business he drives the small truck (which fits) in my alley and his wife does the books. With the arrangement you have been pushing I only see the end of his business. For me even worse will be that I am forced to deal with a much larger organization which in my experience will deliver a lot worse service and while the price will start low it won't stay that way. I really wish you would stop trying to fix things that are not broke,

the system we have now works fine and as my father used to say if it's not broken don't fix it.

I don't expect a response since I know we don't agree with one another but as my duly elected rep I feel you should know how little support your position has. Don

Constituent (independent) in favor comment:

Please vote to modernize our garbage hauling system. I believe that several garbage trucks rolling down the alley each day is neither good for our road system nor for our air quality. Times change and it's time for a change. The existing garbage haulers may have to update the way they think about running their businesses. it is up to government to provide leadership in this matter and to implement policy that will improve the quality of life for all of the citizens of St. Paul. Thank you very much, Ethan Conroy, 15xx Holton St.

Constituent robo-call responses:

Karen James, 22xx Fairmount – no

Ann Dvorak – no

Margo Munson – no

Steve S, 15xx Chelsea – no

Katie – no

Anonymous-no

Deborah Korthof-Stanton, 1xx Isabel – no

Tom Farnsworth – no

Karen, 15xx Almond – no

Andy Yubel – no

David Donovan, 16xx Portland – no

Terry, 13xx Frankson – no

Jim Mackey, 17xx Lafond – no

Kiki, 17xx Hewitt – no

Shirley, 18xx Taylor – no

Barry Randall, 22x Sargeant – no

Tom Bradshaw, 14xx Height? (SAP) – no

Alan & Janet Willetski, 21xx Fairmount – no

John Munson, Ward 4 resident, called and said he's not entirely opposed to OTC, but is opposed to the idea of one hauler only. He and his neighbors organized years ago and settled on Highland Sanitation, the neighborhood is very happy with the service, and would hate to see them put out of business.

From: Ethan Conroy
Sent: Wednesday, April 12, 2017 7:06 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Garbage service vote

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Don (Brabeck)

Mr. Stark,

Please OPPOSE the plan for the city to select one garbage hauler! It does not solve the issues and it threatens local businesses run by residents. There must be a better solution to this issue.

Thank you,

Dan Bettenburg
22xx Fairmount Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Hello Samantha,

My name is Peter Marincel, I'm a resident of Ward 4. After listening to a news story this morning on the upcoming vote regarding garbage collection reorganization, I wanted to contact Councilmember Stark's office to add my voice in support of the current plan to consolidate trash hauling into a more organized, manageable system.

I also strongly support a labor peace requirement, so that workers in the selected companies, if they choose to, can organize themselves without fear of employer coercion.

Thank you and Councilmember Stark for your continued work on this, and thank you for doing the hard work of stitching together all of the needs and interests of all of us who live in Saint Paul.

Thanks,

Peter

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Peter Marincel