

From: "Tania Dolphy" <[tdolphy@gmail.com](mailto:tdolphy@gmail.com)>  
Date: Jul 18, 2017 4:01 PM  
Subject: Coordinated Collection  
To: <[Council@ci.st.paul.mn.us](mailto:Council@ci.st.paul.mn.us)>  
Cc:

I am a senior citizen in Saint Paul and currently pay approximately \$18-\$19/month for my trash collection. The new monthly cost would take away from my ability to purchase my groceries or medicine I have to purchase. My osteoporosis medicine is a NECESSITY. On social security and pension I can't foresee paying this huge increase. I would need to go on EVERY OTHER WEEK to afford it. Please consider my plea.

Thanking you in advance for consider helping myself and other low-income residents. Please consider us.

Tania Dolphy

**From:** Shawn Reinke [<mailto:shawn@reinkelawoffice.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <[Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Cc:** OBrien, Kim (CI-StPaul) <[kim.obrien@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:kim.obrien@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Trash Plan

There has been some discussion on those "lovely" neighborhood Facebook groups\* lately about the new trash pickup plan. While I remain somewhat ambivalent over the whole process, I do have some questions. I apologize if these have been asked and answered, but I wanted to throw them out there anyway.

It's my understanding that at current rates, weekly pickup of a 35 gallon can would cost \$28.73/mo. (inclusive of the \$52/year admin fee). If that's the case, then my wife and I would be looking at an increase in cost over our current provider. At the moment, we contract with Aspen Waste for a 35-gallon bin at a monthly cost of \$25.04 (inclusive of all taxes and fees) billed quarterly. My questions are not related to the minor increase in cost, but I thought it important to note.

What worries me is the loss of intangible benefits we currently receive with Aspen. While we pay for 35-gallon service, we usually have to throw out an extra bag or some boxes about once a month with the trash can. Aspen has never said anything about us doing this and we have never seen an additional charge on our bill. In looking at the "3 bulk items/year" limit discussed in the new proposal, would extra things like this now be charged to our bill? Aspen has been phenomenal in not gouging us for costs, and it is something I worry will be lost.

Another concern I have is what will happen with the waste. Right now with Aspen, the bulk of our trash is going to an incinerator and not taking up space in a landfill. Admittedly, an incinerator is not great because of the CO2, but landfills are no prized possession either. My wife and I weighed the pros and cons of each and we decided that we liked Aspen because of the incinerator and we knew that even though it generates CO2, it was better than allowing it to sit in a landfill where it will never disintegrate. Do the new companies offer these types of disposal options or will everything be sent to a landfill?

Thank you for your time. I probably will not be able to make tomorrow's council meeting, but I look forward to reading any follow up.

Best,  
Shawn  
Shawn C Reinke, Esq.

**From:** Jim & Gretchen Hoar [<mailto:jgh1350@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:04 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
**Subject:** Consolidated Trash Collection

To the members of the St. Paul City Council:

We write to you today with concerns regarding the city's attempts to standardize/consolidate residential garbage collection. While the original intent may have been noble, we're having trouble understanding how this is adding any discernable value to your constituents.

Based on an articles we have read in the Pioneer Press (in particular an article dated Sunday April 9), the execution of this initiative feels somewhat political (requiring trash haulers to allow/encourage unionization), as well as a veiled attempt to recover illegal dumping fees.

Since as a council you can decide (or undecide/deprioritize) anything you wish, we'd appreciate your time and energy being spent elsewhere. We're not hearing any meaningful dialogue on how the city is trying to make St. Paul more business friendly to lower the revenue burden currently carried by homeowners. We've lived in our home in St. Paul for over 20 years, and in that time our property taxes have increased at a rate much higher than our home's value. Continuing to assume that we can shoulder a seemingly endless need for revenue is not sustainable.

Please abandon this trash hauling effort and focus on trying to help the folks in St. Paul who elected you to stay in their homes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim & Gretchen Hoar  
1350 Ashland

**ORGANIZED TRASH FROM WARD 6**  
**STARTING 7/19/17**

Dear Councilmember Bostrom,

I am very supportive of having organized trash in St. Paul. There are numerous trucks going down our alley every week, which puts excessive wear on our streets and alleys and has deleterious effects on our environment.

I am disappointed by the proposed rates that I saw. I was hoping that we would have something much lower, similar to what is available in Maplewood. If better rates cannot be negotiated I remain supportive of moving to an organized collection system.

Thank you for your service to our community,

Eric Saathoff Eric Saathoff [ericsaathoff@gmail.com](mailto:ericsaathoff@gmail.com)  
691 Wells St

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I think my garbage hauler is doing a great job and I want to be able to have the freedom to choose the service(s) that I wish. I also have my grass clipping hauled and there has been no mention of this service. I think I should be allowed the freedom to choose in this situation. And to be able to pay for the service or services of my choosing. I think the city's efforts should be directed to other areas....like getting my alley plowed so that I don't have to foot most of THAT bill every year! I say no...and I have written before saying that I disagreed with this proposal!

Michelle Forsyth [me4syth@q.com](mailto:me4syth@q.com)

664 CLEAR AVE

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I can not afford the new projected rates I will be forced to pay. I pay much less now for wonderful service.

Cathy Van Ert [Cavanert@msn.com](mailto:Cavanert@msn.com)

1627 CHAMBER ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I am writing this on behalf of my mother, who is one of your constituents. She is on a fixed income, and really cannot afford a 100% increase in the collection of garbage fees - especially when they will be doing it every other week instead of every week like she has now. She is frugal, and likes to shop around to get the best deal on her bills, and having this instituted would be a great financial hardship for her. Why does it seem that government wants to dictate which services we are allowed to use? Isn't that something we should be able to choose for ourselves? It seems to me that this is counter productive - you will be putting people - hard working people - out of work, and then you will have to provide assistance for them and their families. Where is the cost effectiveness there? Why does government constantly think they need to "fix" things that aren't "broken"? Leave the decision to the citizens of Saint Paul, and concentrate more on the needs of the community as a whole. We actually know what is best for us, and since you don't know her personally, you have no clue as to what her needs are. Isn't it better for you to take care of the real problems that exist in the city of Saint Paul, and leave the options open that homeowners are perfectly capable of choosing for themselves alone? I urge you to reconsider

this process and let the people make their own choices. You have to remember that not everyone can afford the types of things you are proposing.

Thank you.

Cathleen McAleese [cmcaleese\\_2@msn.com](mailto:cmcaleese_2@msn.com)  
1380 CLARENCE ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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When figuring in your 'annual fee' for a service I never asked you for, don't want, and that a city council is WHOLELY unqualified to provide, my garbage service will cost me an additional \$141 more per year than I currently pay. How is this good for taxpayers? How is it good to put small businesses out of business & their employees lose their jobs? Why is the council working on a 'problem' that doesn't exist while violence in the city escalates unchecked? If this passes I will do everything in my power to see you all voted out in the next election.

Anita Stever [astever@comcast.net](mailto:astever@comcast.net)

621 CALIFORNIA AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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This would end up costing me \$12.00 more each month, not including the \$52.00 yearly fee. If this passes I will never vote for you or any of the other people on the council ever again. This is something that I am 100% against. What are you people thinking? You certainly are not listening to the people you are supposed to be representing.

Michael Florin [michael.florin@comcast.net](mailto:michael.florin@comcast.net)

1084 GERANIUM AVE E  
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This is not reducing the cost for us. This is increasing our costs three times more than what we're already paying. This last year I only paid \$260 and it did not include an annual fee. I think we should be able to choose who we want and not be forced.

Samantha Yang [Samanthayang87@hotmail.com](mailto:Samanthayang87@hotmail.com)

1607 IOWA AVE E

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Mr. Bostrom,

I am writing to register my concern and displeasure with the proposed trash hauling plan as reported in today's Pioneer Press, set for a public hearing tomorrow (Wednesday 7/19). Specifically, I am outraged about the impacts to residents like me who currently "opt out" of trash collection service. The proposed plan would force us to pay an additional \$240 per year (minimum) for a service we do not want or need.

I live alone and produce very little waste. I compost my organics on-site, recycle my recyclables, and avoid purchasing products with excess packaging. What little waste remains travels with me in a small grocery bag every few weeks when I visit my parents, who are happy to see the unused space in their container being put to use.

This new plan, as proposed, drains income from the working class and decimates our economic incentives for reducing waste. I understand and appreciate the need to reduce wear and tear on streets and alleys, but any plan needs to protect the rights of those of us who produce minimal waste due to our responsible living habits, frequent travel, or extended absences.

Additionally, if neighbors can pool together on a single container, this increases fuel efficiency, reduces noise, and reduces pavement wear and tear by reducing the number of truck stops needed to serve a group of houses.

If you can offer an amendment to preserve the opt-out option, I would not oppose the proposed plan. I look forward to your response and/or action to fix or block this poorly-thought-out proposal.

Thank you.

Joe Gustafson Joe G [bigfitz79@earthlink.net](mailto:bigfitz79@earthlink.net)  
1853 Arlington Ave East  
St. Paul, MN 55119  
651-387-5183

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How do you work with these idiots on the City Council?

I pay \$9 a month for garbage collection. Can you imagine me paying over double that?! I get a discount because I am a disabled senior, because I get my bill online, I pay once per year, I have a small bin, and have collection every other week. I cost them less time, so I pay them a smaller price!!

Why is it my problem that people are illegally dumping their crap on City property?? Aren't there laws about that? Talk to the people who are doing it. Don't charge me for it! This is a tax!!

Why don't they all just tell me where to get my haircut, too? After all, it's not fair that males can get a haircut for \$9, but women have to pay much more than that!!

Next you can attack the grocery stores. I'd like to get Kowalski goods at the Cub prices...more than likely I'd get the Cub goods at a Kowalski prices!!

And after that can you talk to your cohorts about why as a woman it costs me more to have a shirt cleaned than a man?

What the hell is wrong with those people you sit next to on the Council? How do you stand them? What keeps you sane?

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[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#) cathedral [cathedral55@yahoo.com](mailto:cathedral55@yahoo.com)

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This is not a problem to begin with, so why make it one? We need to focus more on things that matter, such as the crime rate escalating. Stop wasting time on things that don't need help!

Melissa Thompson [Mkthompson2010@gmail.com](mailto:Mkthompson2010@gmail.com)

1995 NEVADA AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I want the ability to choose my own garbage company

Elizabeth Borchert [elizshoberg@hotmail.com](mailto:elizshoberg@hotmail.com)

1001 JESSAMINE AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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How about figure out the recycling disaster before trying to get people to switch garbage carriers? Just a thought? Also, you do realize this will cost the average homeowner MORE money per month? Why fix something that's NOT broken?!

Shane Holmes [shaneholmes42@gmail.com](mailto:shaneholmes42@gmail.com)

1995 NEVADA AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Phone call from this morning:

Donna Saumweber @ 17xx Hyacinth Ave E opposes organized trash. Currently she shares service with her neighbor which works very well and doesn't want to give that up. She said seniors on fixed income cannot afford the increase.

East Side resident called to express opposition to organized trash collection. She feels it will cause the small operators to lose their jobs and will raise taxes.

Mike Tschida (1436 Hartford) left a VM at 8:40 pm Tues July 18 saying he is very disappointed with the trash proposal. He is in a cooperative with his neighbor, they both recycle and compost and together make less than one grocery bag per week of trash. They have a great provider who is inexpensive. He would like to stay the way it is – or at the very least have an opt out to be able to save hundreds of dollars a year.

From: Tyler Teggatz [mailto:tylerteggatz@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:55 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Garbage collection

Hello Councilmember Tolbert,

I am writing to let you know that I support the proposed coordinated garbage collection plan for Saint Paul. We should have a city-wide solution to a basic public service.

Thank you,

Tyler Teggatz

2031 Itasca

From: Jose Hernandez [mailto:jose.crc@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:14 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Single Garbage Support

Dear Chris,

I am writing to support the single garbage hauler program.

I would also like to see a more progressive "Pay as you throw" price model.

I urge you consider a pay as you throw price model. It is implemented around the world and has economic, environmental, and social benefits.

More information here:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pay\\_as\\_you\\_throw](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pay_as_you_throw)

<https://nerc.org/news-and-updates/blog/nerc-blog/2015/01/13/payt-debate-goes-on-and-on>

<http://www.sustainablecitiesinstitute.org/topics/materials-management/recycling/pay-as-you-throw-programs>

Sincerely,

Jose Hernandez

1619 Saunders Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: krista@kristawalsh.com [mailto:krista@kristawalsh.com] On Behalf Of Krista Walsh

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 7:37 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: NO // City Garbage System

I am not able to attend the public meeting.

I would like to add to my comment below a simplified concern.

The city contract with haulers and agreements should not require all households to adhere to the services and be given an opportunity to opt out.

For people like myself whose trash behavior is dictated by a goal to conserve and not produce quantities of trash the city model is based on give us options.

One easy option would be to provide a dumpster at all the city waste/recycling centers where we could pay a reasonable fee per bag.

Please pass my comments on to Rep. Tolbert and include this and my statement below in tonight's meeting notes.

Krista Kelley Walsh

Councilman Tolbert.

I encourage you to vote against the city wide enforced garbage plan. Or at the very least to allow qualifying residence to opt out of the program.

Not all St. Paul citizens have the same behaviors, needs and budgets. It is unfair to force this unwanted service.

I am retired and live on a fixed income. And moreover I choose to not to produce waste and my trash is less than one small plastic grocery bag a week. I make a trip to a garbage site once a month or every two months. Each visit is \$3. On occasion if I have something larger I can dump a truck for \$25. I estimate my annual cost ranges from 30-50. I have absolutely no use for a larger than I need mandated 35 gallon garage bin and with an annual cost of nearly 300.00.

On another note garage cans and recycling can litter our alley. How about giving neighbors a choice to combine and share bins and services if they can make it work. For example 2-3 conservation households could share a 65 gallon bin at half the cost of the smallest bin. I can imagine any number of such solutions if the plan would allow for individual choice as opposed to a mandated serve and fee structure.

On top of all that as a long time home owner/ resident of St. Paul I pay my taxes and as you know we in your ward pay the highest.

Thank you for your time.

Krista Walsh

1863 Lincoln

From: Amy Schwarz [mailto:amy.z.schwarz@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:45 PM

To: \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6

Subject: Coordinated Garbage Collection

Greetings,

I am writing in support of the coordinated collection for trash in St. Paul. I support this effort for a number of reasons.

1. Equity: low income neighborhoods bear the brunt of illegal garbage which contributes to blight and costs the city thousands of dollars in clean up. Also, negotiated prices will mean the same deal for all citizens, not just those who are able to negotiate or who speak English.
2. Economics: even with the "competition" from multiple haulers, I still pay more, for less, than my neighbors in Minneapolis. In addition, clean up costs, as mentioned above cost tax payer dollars, unnecessarily.
3. Environment: multiple trucks go down my alley each week, causing pollution, noise and potentially dangerous conditions. I look forward to the day when only ONE garbage and ONE recycling truck go down my alley.

I would like to note that we recently received a call disguised as a "survey" at our St. Paul home about trash collection in St. Paul. It was obvious the caller was an advocating against the City's proposal but it was certainly not presented that way. It is clear that the garbage haulers are playing dirty in this negotiation. Please do not let the "small business" rhetoric cost St. Paul residents extra money. It is clear there is a larger company behind these efforts.

I am excited about all of the key highlights of the City's proposal and I look forward to coordinated collection in my alley soon.

Thank you,

Amy Schwarz  
2031 Itasca Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55116

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

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 7:45 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Good day, I have finally found a garbage hauler that I really like. Now I may get stuck with someone I do not want. I would like to keep my current garbage hauler. Please do not implement this program.

Sue Sevlie  
1772 SCHEFFER AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: d3mn@comcast.net [mailto:d3mn@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 11:18 PM

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We like our small garbage container because we do not create that much garbage per week. Unlike the HUGE recycling container i have to put up with and we barely fill it a third full. See you all Tomorrow.

Daniel Dienst

1610 JEFFERSON AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

Dear Council Member Tolbert,

30%?

That's how much my trash service will go up under the current organized-collection proposal. And its not just me.

According to the St. Paul Public Works report "ORGANIZED TRASH COLLECTION IN SAINT PAUL: REPORT ON COMMUNITY INPUT AND DRAFT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES" the average citizen will be paying about \$70 more per year for a supposedly more efficient trash collection system.

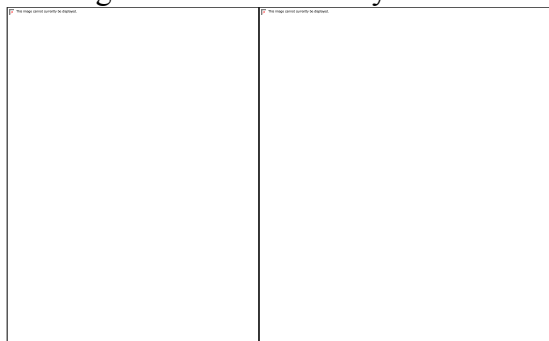
Here is how the trash tax increase breaks down:

Can Size	Current Average Cost	Proposed Cost	Rate Increase
35 gal	\$22.50	\$28.73	28%
65 gal	\$27.49	\$31.82	16%
95 gal	\$30.02	\$35.88	20%

It's nice they broke out some of the cost and call it an administrative fee, but that's part of the cost no matter what you call it so I included it in the numbers above.

You know that cost is the main driver for support as the Macalester Groveland Community Council found in their

"Taking Out the Trash" study.



Given this, how can you support this proposal? Let us managed our trash on our own. We are far better at it than the city. Stephen E. Maas 2065 James Ave. St. Paul, MN 55105

Lawrence Johnson - 1828 Highland Parkway

Called re: garbage proposal. He is on a fixed income and the proposed cost will double for him what he's currently paying. The City just cannot keep upping and upping costs while not

providing better service. If you have to keep the proposal, at least have an Opt Out option or a Share With Neighbor option. There is no reason whatsoever to believe these fees will not continue to increase and they will continue to rise. Plus the neighborhood paper also said property taxes will be going up 24% next year. You need to remember that people on their fixed incomes do not get increases/raises. Please consider this.

Peter Spindler, 21xx Niles Avenue

Called to say that he would prefer to keep the haulers independent and negotiate his own price.

Bob Steinbring @ 8xx E Cottage Ave opposed organized trash.

Leon Labossiere @ 21xx Jessamine Ave E opposes organized trash.

Dan Schwinghammer @ 20xx Iowa Ave E opposes organized trash.

Lori Anderson @ 1135 Maryland Ave E opposes organized trash.

Paula Saumweber (resident of Ward 6) called to say she opposes organized trash.

Mary Jo Gulden @ 9xx Cook Ave E opposes organized trash and feels she should get to choose whomever she wants as her hauler.

Karen Pijanowski @ 984 Orange Ave E opposes organized trash.

Mrs. Capone @ 1435 Birmingham Street opposes organized trash.

Opposed to Organized Trash  
Thomas Quinn  
755 W. Montana Ave – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash  
Jerry Phillippi  
710 Edgar Ave. – Ward 5

Opposed to Organized Trash  
Elizabeth and George Paulson

- Very different families in the community with very different needs
- Don't want government overreach
- Don't want city to handle the paperwork

1241 Edgerton – Ward 5  
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Opposed to Organized Trash

Janet Lochowicz – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Rosa Uy

759 W Arlington Ave

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Taking the homeowners' individual rights to choose away.

What about the number of school buses that have many trips up and down the streets daily?

Urben Hellerman

1005 Burr St – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Michael Detweiler

962 Western – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Anonymous

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Larpenteur Ave. resident – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Sharon Smith

82 Cook Ave. W. – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Kathleen Woods

1573 Dale St N – Ward 5

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Supports Organized Trash

Concerned that people like herself who are single user, who recycle, compost, haul large items must pay for bi-weekly service when she could get by for 4-6 weeks between pick-ups.

Like to see monthly service as an option. Feels the charges are too high for service that some don't need.

Andrea Szondy

1112 Churchill – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

William Bump

442 Geranium Ave E – Ward 5

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Issue that low-income residents won't have the ability to pay for this mandatory service.

Diane Patrow

1675 Jackson – Ward 5

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Opposed to Organized Trash

Tammy Roen

1089 McCubin St – Ward 5

**From:** Bruce Clark [<mailto:bruceclark@usfamily.net>]

**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 12:53 PM

**To:** Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul)

**Subject:** Organized trash issue

Hello, Councilperson Noecker-

I've written to you about this issue before. I see from this recent news article that some kind of agreement is being proposed for trash collection in St. Paul. Go to:

<http://www.startribune.com/st-paul-to-gather-community-input-on-coordinated-trash-collection-agreement/434091813/>

As always, the BIG issue for me is an opt-out provision which allows individual homeowners to recycle kitchen waste in their compost bins, and haul their own trash to a transfer station.

In the 22 years I've lived on the West Side, I've never contracted with a hauling service---saving thousands of dollars in that time. Every dollar saved allows me to stay in my house.

My simple lifestyle is achieved through composting, recycling, vegetable gardening, and reusing stuff. I fill my 32 gallon trash container about 3-4 times A YEAR and bring it to Twin City Refuse to dispose of for a \$4 charge.

Please allow me to continue doing that without a forced subscription with a hauling service!

Thank you.

Bruce Clark

663 Oakdale Ave.

St. Paul, MN 55107

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 9:19 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

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I am interested in what compelled city to address this?

Did one person complain about traffic or noise?

Michelle Colaizy

1998 JULIET AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Steve Larson [<mailto:serik8@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:03 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; Hageman, Kris (CI-StPaul); Fonfara, Aubrey (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Proposed Residential Trash Program

Chris, I saw the article in the Pioneer Press yesterday regarding the proposed trash program rates and was surprised, to say the least. As a longtime DFL'er, I generally support trash and recycling programs initiated by the City, but you are definitely losing me on this one. And if the rollout of the program is anything like the recent recycling debacle, I will be looking to cast my vote for any candidate(s) willing to speak against the proposed program.

My reasons: Who negotiated these rates? I currently pay a shade over \$19/month for a 65 gallon trash container emptied weekly. This rate represents an increase over past years, when I paid around \$17/month. Under the new rates, I would pay \$29.76/month. This represents a \$120 yearly increase and a total of \$172 when a "yearly administrative fee" of 'roughly \$52' is added... and based upon the 'roughly', I'm sure won't be under \$52. I'm guessing that a response from defenders of this proposal will add that included in the costs are the removal of three bulk items and a Christmas tree per year. I can't remember when the last time I had to dispose of a bulk item and I take care of my own Christmas tree.

With regard to increased truck alley traffic, a year or so ago, I circulated a letter to alley neighbors suggesting a way to eliminate excessive truck traffic would be for us, as a united entity, talk to several different trash haulers and see if we could work out a deal in which several of us go with one hauler. This was met with enthusiastic response. I did not follow through on this as that was just when the City's residential trash program was first introduced. But based upon very preliminary (and admittedly), non-binding discussion, we would have achieved a price at least as low as my \$19/month -65 gallon rate.

On another note, just this week I had to call the recycling hotline about the tipped over, damaged cart left on my garage apron. Apparently whomever was emptying carts was having a bad Monday and I noticed at least 4 or 5 carts lying tipped over in our alley. The wheel had been knocked off of mine, which will necessitate another cart being delivered and I'm guessing more city expense. This comes a couple months after I had to sweep up broken glass scattered across the alley after another emptying debacle.

In short, however well-meaning the trash program might be, it certainly seems to be off to a questionable start, in terms of rates. And if it is administered in a manner similar to the recycling program, we citizens of St. Paul are going to be ill-served by our city leaders and support staff.

Steve Larson  
1752 Juliet Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55105  
651.698.7981

Mary Cramer - 1290 Stanford

Called; opposes government taking over management of trash. She does not want to pay someone she has not chosen to pay.

Doug Arnold – 1247 Wellesley

Called – does not want independent haulers to pick up trash and not be taken over by the city.

From: Johanna [<mailto:johannakertesz@yahoo.com>]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 11:17 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3  
Subject: Please support organized trash collection

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I am writing to urge you to support organized trash collection and to authorize staff to begin final contract negotiations with the currently licensed residential trash collectors.

Through my volunteer work with the Macalester-Groveland Community Council as well as my day job at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, I have learned quite a bit about the pros and cons of organized trash collection. I believe the City staff has done a great job advocating for solutions to some of the challenges raised by haulers and residents. The proposal provided to the Council is a great first step to reducing environmental impacts, providing cost-effective service to ALL residents, ensuring that the people doing the work receive a living wage, and creating a better waste management system that will allow the city to pursue other improvements such as organics recycling.

Thank you for your consideration!

Johanna Anderson  
1315 Sargent Avenue

John Mueller, owns 2111 Pinehurst Avenue & 46 Hilltop Lane, 651-690-3322

Mueller says that he has figured it out and this change will cost him hundreds of dollars more. He owns two properties. One property does not have trash pickup because there is no need. The other location has a hauler that will pick up anytime he wants.

Thomas Paul Allie, 1435 Juliet

Allie says that he is not for the garbage change and prefers to have their own garbage collection.

Nora McGuire, 1977 Wellesley Avenue

McGuire called to say that she is against the uniform trash collection policy.

Elaine Goldberg, 322 Wyoming Street West

Elaine Goldberg opposes this change in garbage service. They have had the same hauler for years and are happy with them.

Organized Trash Collection

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Hi Councilwoman Brendmoen,

Please vote to adopt the plan city staff have negotiated with waste haulers to provide organized trash service. Using organized collection in the city will help us succeed with some of our environmental goals and provide residents with better service.

Thanks for your efforts on this project.

Brett Baldwin

12xx Victoria St. N – Ward 5

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I want to continue having the garbage handler that I have at their costs and not what you want to charge, which is more than I am paying now. This is crazy that you want to take this over, it will be like the recycling crap, they only pick up in alleys. I have a alley but the only way to access it is by stairs or walk around the block, yet the recyclers say it will be picked up only in the alley, so therefore we do not recycle anymore, and how do you propose to pick up the garbage the

same way, Our garbage hauler knows where to pick it up and does a great job. St.Paul needs to back out of this and let the people choose the garbage handler that they want

Mary Hellerman

10xx BURR ST – Ward 5  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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I have called about this issue already so I know I am repeating myself, but I feel strongly that this is a bad idea. >My neighbor and I share trash service, so you will be doubling my bill and hers. >If I were unhappy with my current service I could cancel it and hire someone else. If you vote yes on this issue you will be removing my freedom to choose and eliminating competition. >I am, in fact, very happy with the service that Gene's has provided to me for many years and do not want to lose my relationship with this very efficient company.

Please consider my comments and vote no. Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy McKinley

13xx AVON ST N – Ward 5  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I am all for a universal garbage collecting service...as long as its effective, efficient and does not cost more than I'm currently paying.

Peter Ullman

1022 LEXINGTON PKWY N  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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Greetings Amy,

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> I am writing to let you know I oppose having a single trash collector in St. Paul as it would force me to have trash collection pick up. I currently do not have trash pick up at my home as I generate only 1/4 to 1/2 a bag of trash per week. I share trash collection services with my parents. This has saved me hundreds of dollars since moving into my home 6 years ago. A single trash collection service would force me to pay for a service I do not need. I usually have more organic recycling each week than trash which I have to take to a site. I would welcome curbside pickup of organics over a single trash collector. Please contact me with any additional questions.

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> Thank you,

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> Elizabeth Reisdorf

> 833 Idaho Ave W

> St. Paul MN 55117

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## **ORGANIZED TRASH COLLECTION-Phone Calls**

-Oppose to the organized trash collection.

Dylan Hager  
194 Goodrich  
612-237-4520

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--Opposing to the government making his decision for him and directly opposing to the organized trash collection.

John Edgerton  
661 Goodrich St  
651-225-1629

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--Opposing to the organized trash collection.

Beautrice Villegas, 533 Anita St.  
651-228-9976

-Opposed to the organized trash collection.

Sally King  
1915 Lincoln Ave  
651-690-4549

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-Oppose to the organized trash collection.

Jacqueline Fleming  
372 Winifred St. E  
651-298-1141

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-Do not want the city to take over as she owns properties which is going to hurt when she has a vacant property. She's been with the company for over 12-15 years and would like it to stay that way. She hopes that CM Noecker will reflect her voice and others that feel the same way as her.

Peter and Bonnie Kramer  
156 W. Delos S  
651-228-1068

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## **ORGANIZED TRASH COLLECTION-Emailed**

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These new rates are DOUBLE of what I have been paying for 5 years! That's \$240.00 plus \$52.00 more than I pay now. \$292.00 can buy a lot of groceries.

Please vote No

Sincerely

Joe Banken

696 OAKDALE AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

I am writing this in response to the Pioneer Press article of the proposed costs to each homeowner. This will double my costs. I live in a duplexed condo. We each have our own unit in one building. We share a 60 gallon container and the year cost to both of us is \$340 which is \$170 each. When the recycling was presented, we wrote to Kris Hageman/Anne Hunt to say we had NO ROOM to put one, let alone two containers. Finally, the city picked up one( I am sure we are being assessed for both in some fashion) and then got a smaller container. I recycle everything and usually we fill it every one-two weeks. Now, it seems, because we have two addresses, that there will be two containers which we definitely have NO room for and it will cost even for the every two week collection \$300 a year for one family. That is approximately double what I pay now. I hope there is information or a platform for multi dwelling situations that do NOT need more than one container. Alleys like ours have very little room for all these carts. IN the winter our recycling cart is in the backyard.

I am not sure if there will be a response to this query by you or sometimes, usually, your staff, but hope that you do read this and pass along so that all situations are taken into account.

Sincerely,  
Judith Feldman  
Dear Ms. Noecker,

I represent a collegial group of homeowners on the Cherokee Bluff (our address is 456 Cherokee) who have been assiduous recyclers and minimal users of the trash hauling system (some of us are single, others without children, none generate much 'waste' in the course of a week, or month).

At present, we collectively pay for two garbage bins (three households per bin), which more than adequately contain the minimal amount of trash that our households generate. Each household contributes to the garbage fee, which comes to \$75 per year per household (\$150 per bin). Having only two bins for six households minimizes the amount of time a truck must be in

the alley (using fuel and pumping out exhaust gas), so the economy is enjoyed on both sides of the equation...we pay less, the hauler pays less in time and materials, and our needs are fully met. (Being childless adults with no immediate younger-generation relatives, the majority of us do not have Christmas trees...)

The new proposal before Council would **raise our rates by more than 400%**...there is no opt-out (thus no collaborative sharing), plus an administrative 'fee/tax' is required to run the new system...our individual household yearly expense would (even with the smallest garbage bin at \$21) jump to \$304!!

I strongly protest.

Sincerely,

Michael Barone  
456 Cherokee Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55107  
651-290-1539

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We love our service. The city should use their money and personnel on other issues that need fixing. Maybe hire police officers or give them more training, fix the streets, more personnel at the playgrounds etc

Judy Miller

854 LINWOOD AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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Glen Fiebich

465 HALL AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

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We have an independent trash hauler and we are very happy with them. We support small businesses and don't want to see any jeopardized. We have seen proposed monthly rates and they are much higher than we are currently paying. We also have had trouble with our recycling bin since the first of the year and don't want a city provided container. They are very poor quality and ours has been fixed twice already. Please keep the city out of our trash. There are enough serious problems that need your attention, not our trash.

MICHAEL and Patricia WHEBBE

261 ANNAPOLIS ST W  
Saint Paul, MN 55118

Councilmember Noecker,

We oppose any City proposal to eliminate the current roster of residential trash haulers and replace it with a centralized or city hauler.

For these reasons:

1) We have reduced our trash to less than half our recycling volume, due to our recycling & reduction efforts. We'd like the ability to choose a less expensive option (smaller container, etc.) rather than pay a set fee to a city hauler.

2) We think that in the future, with further recycling efforts, that we would be able to share garbage service with a neighbor. This would not be possible with central city service approach, of course-- far too much complication for a city service to deal with, let residents work this out amongst themselves.

3) While we have had the same small family hauler for more than 30 years (!), we see that competition between haulers has been healthy for price shoppers—a reduction in the roster of licensed haulers is not good for competition.

4) We notice that some of our neighbors do not recycle. Why should we pay extra garbage fees for their lack of effort—as would surely happen if the service were to be centralized, and costs spread per address as is usually the metric in any city service.

Lastly, for those who grouse about multiple garbage trucks running down their streets—the reality is that there are FAR more school busses running down our streets 9 months of the year than there are garbage trucks!! So let them complain about the school busses, which if reduced in number may actually be good for the district budget. Additionally, with online shopping, we have many trucks (and now private vehicles) delivering goods to the neighborhood each day of the week, including Sunday. Get used to the changes!

One more comment: the recycling change to wheeled containers is VERY much appreciated. It was a lot of work to haul at least two heavy/bulky buckets 100 feet to the curb each week, and we are not getting any younger.

Kathleen & Michael Eischen  
833 Winslow Ave  
St. Paul 55107

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Michael Barone  
456 Cherokee Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55107  
651-290-1539  
[mbarone@mpr.org](mailto:mbarone@mpr.org)

Rebecca :-)

First , I want to thank you for serving our ward #2.

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We each pay 75.00 a year  
or 6.25 a month

Yes we are 6 households. We share 2 large containers by my garage.

So now going from a private payer system to a gov system will increase our cost per year a minimum to 52.00 admin fee and 21.00 a month or 304.00 a year.

Yes that is an increase of 229.00 annually., over 400 % increase.!

The real problem with this new system is you can not opt out.

If we could get that changed, we could work with them.

Right now we have 5 of the six homes opting out.

I think they are trying to preventing homes from opting out of the city system and going private again. But we only want to opt out and not have anyone pick up and not have to pay for services not required.

I'm guessing this is already part of the agreement and new ordinance.

Could the contract with the haulers or the new ordinance state that all haulers by licensed by the city and agree to only pick up trash from the households assigned tom them .

Then there would be no need for the no opt out clause.

And of course Government efficiency vs private payer.

Tom

For the past three years I've used Krupenny & Sons as my trash servicer. A weekly pickup for those 3 years has cost me \$192.00 a year. I've received great service and have used the City Wide clean up days for large item disposal.

Under the City Council collection plan I believe my cost for weekly pick up will increase to \$32.00 per week. With the \$52.00 administrative fee my yearly cost will now be approximately \$436.00. A **\$240.00 increase** over my previous rate. So much for the original council attempt to keep most home owner rates affordable.

I'm a retired individual and live on a limited income. With the possible 20+% increase in Property Taxes St. Paul is rapidly becoming an unaffordable city. Thank you City Council.

Sean Ryan 248 Goodrich Avenue

City Council, St paul, Mn

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Tom Norman  
578 Cherokee Ave  
St Paul Mn 55107  
612 916 5104

Ms. Noecker,

I am writing today to let you know that I am strongly opposed to the trash collection program the city is trying to push through. Once again, the city is barging ahead with an idea that many residents dislike. My husband I have been customers of Ken Berquist and Sons Disposal since 1980, and do not want change haulers. The Berquist family has been absolutely flawless and reliable in their service. They are fair, ethical, and LOCAL. I don't want to be dictated to by the city as to which hauler to use, and I certainly don't want some national, corporate hauler.

If there are citizens in St. Paul who need financial assistance with trash hauling, then raise an honest, straight forward tax. Don't go sneaking around with programs that are clearly money-making ventures.

As a long-term (very high) tax payer in your district, I object to this continued treatment of dropping bombshells on the citizens when you have every intention of ramming new policies down our throats at the last minute.

Who exactly are you representing?

Mary Gilbertson  
752 Osceola Ave.

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I oppose the changes to trash hauling in St. Paul. My husband and I assume responsibility for our own trash, due to cost and convenience. The fees are unaffordable- don't use the poor for an excuse to make these changes. This is unnecessary and not cost effective.

Beth Richards

153 ROBIE ST W  
Saint Paul, MN 55107

**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 12:43 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Unless it is absolutely necessary, choices about providers should stay in the hands of those receiving services!

Only in rare circumstances (electricity and water) does it work to have a single provider.

Creating an unnecessary monopoly on garbage hauling is not in the best interests of St. Paul residents.

If you love forward, it should be your responsibility to insure the incomes of all private haulers. If they go out of business -- you support them.

As it is, the City of St. Paul takes on no risk, but instead forces residents to do something they do not want, knowing the negative effects will be sustained by others.

There are certainly other more important issues. This is a waste of council member time and St. Paul taxpayer money.

Katy Nelson

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**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 4:42 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Too many other priorities...get a Police person on Bevely and Pelman st by Desnoyer Park for cars going thru stop signs going 50mph in a 20.. Really!

Jane Anthone

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**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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Please address problem areas first!

Eileen and Matt McElrath

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 04, 2017 8:51 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Andrew Starr

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 04, 2017 8:48 PM  
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April Starr

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:34 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Focus on more important issues, like the traffic congestion problem that is and will get worse with the soccer stadium at University and Snelling.

Sara Michener

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 05, 2017 11:40 AM

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I've had my hauler for 37 years and want to be loyal to him,period.

Julie Cook

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**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 6:50 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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How about working on REAL issues in St Paul vs. garbage. I am 3rd generation with my hauler and see no reason to change. The govt controlled recycling is a nightmare-so leave us to make our own decisions.

Kathy wood

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2017 6:39 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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I want my money to stay in the city with local garbage collectors. We organized our alley and mostly use Berquist....family business that knows what they are doing.

Jeri Lu Mattson

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2017 11:27 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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We have lived in our house for 40 years and during that time we have tried a total of 5 trash haulers before our current one. We have tried the biggest names and very local ones with no satisfaction as they were all neighborhood unfriendly. All were noisy, inconsistent and ill-mannered. We finally played attention to haulers in the vicinity that were quiet, unobtrusive and recommend by long term customers. We are still annoyed at all of the "biggest and best" haulers causing disturbances in the neighborhood.

Danny Thomas

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**From:** John Hoffoss [mailto:john.t.hoffoss@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 08, 2017 10:18 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Garbage Services in St. Paul

Hi Russ,

Just want to let you know you've got my support in reducing garbage hauler traffic down the alleys of St. Paul. I only wish this went further to offer comparable services to Minneapolis' municipal waste handling. Same for plowing services and alley maintenance. I miss having a concrete alley that was graded properly and gets plowed before the streets did!

Cheers,

-jth

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 09, 2017 1:52 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Jerry Peterson

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**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 7:50 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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This movement has bothered me from the start. There has to be a better way for the city to deal with the minority of citizens who don't properly deal with their garbage than to impose a city-run service on everyone. Please be more creative, dear City Council. We need a better solution than mandated, city-led collection. Thank you for listening to all your citizens

Nancy Zugschwert

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**Sent:** Monday, July 10, 2017 12:46 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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I like being able to choose who hauls my trash and make decisions about what size containers I use and whether it is Affordable. If the city takes us over, the city can decide unilaterally to raise prices. That is against Fair competition in the marketplace.

Laura Suess

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From: Sarah  
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:05 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Organized trash hauling feedback.

I will not be able to attend the upcoming meeting regarding organized trash pickup, so I wanted to share my thoughts.

I have been incredibly happy with my trash hauler (Petes) since I bought my house 4 years ago. They were recommended by a neighbor, and compared to a half dozen other haulers; they had a better price (by about \$120/yr) and a more convenient collection day than others. Recently the hauler increased prices and changed the collection day, so I decided to look for a new hauler, after another round of research, I found that they still provided better service than their competitors. The fact that I could look for another provider and weigh my options allowed me to choose to stick with my provider and appreciate the value they still provide. If these changes were forced upon me with no choice I would still be resentful.

I have been extremely disappointed by the new recycling system, and I would hate to see trash service go the same way. It took 6 weeks for the city to pick up my recycling, and a month from my request to get a smaller cart. While the previous system allowed me to recycle as many items as I needed, provided that boxes were flattened appropriately. A month ago I needed to rip a large box into 3 pieces and dispose of it over the course of two weeks because the new "convenient" system won't accept anything bigger than the cart. The truck now circles our small neighborhood for an entire afternoon, going down my alley twice and the street once. I find it difficult to see how this has reduced street traffic or noise. The additional mess of having carts all over the place makes the alley nearly impassable. As a conscientious recycler I have been forced into an inconvenient system that caters to the least involved recyclers.

While I understand the cost of illegal dumping to the city, I question how much we will be charged so that every resident in the city can dispose of 3 large items; this cost certainly must exceed the \$300,000 the city currently spends. In addition, this reduces the likelihood that people will participate in more environmentally friendly options for large items, like free-share sites or recycling drop-off locations. Again, as a conscientious consumer I am being penalized because others throw out 3 or more large items that may be otherwise useable.

I can see that the city wants to improve the trash collection system, but I feel that the elimination of choice and the addition of a forced "3 large item" fee goes too far. I haven't been able to find the city's proposed "reduced rate" but I can't imagine it'll beat what I currently pay, especially if I have to pay for 3 large items that a careless neighbor decides to leave in front of my house. If the city recycling system is any indication of the trash plan, it will create extra mess and more careless dumping.

Sarah Denkingier

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From: Dan & Linda Leggett  
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:32 AM  
Cc: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: FW: Coordinated Trash Collection update, public hearing  
Importance: High

Since I am unable to attend the meeting on July 19, I am submitting my comments as suggested.

You may recall my past comments against the policy including the following:

- I like my existing hauler whom I have used since 1988
- I believe I (and virtually everyone I know) are capable of choosing our own hauler
- I would like to continue to have the right to choose
- My current cost per month is \$9.68 since I have co-op'd with my neighbor since 1988 – this policy will undoubtedly result in an increase in cost & my neighbor
- Since I am a responsible homeowner & consumer, I do not need bulky items removed
- Since I recycle & compost, my Christmas tree goes to the compost site on Pierce Butler – otherwise my hauler will take it at no charge
- My neighbor & I strongly desire to continue to co-op since we are avid recyclers & composters
- I strongly disapprove of the City establishing a wage standard for drivers (let alone for any job) – the marketplace has done & will continue to do a fine job in this regard! By imposing this standard, the City will force virtually every home/property owner to see an increase in their trash collection cost

Although it appears the die is cast on this matter in general, I urge Council President Stark (and his fellow Council members) in the strongest terms to support a co-op feature for those who choose to do so. This will reduce billing costs, reduce operational/pickup costs, eliminate the need for two containers (when one will suffice) thus further reducing cost...plus I/we don't have room for yet another container now that we have two new containers in the alley for the new city-wide recycling program.

Respectfully,  
Dan Leggett

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**From:** Todd Kolod  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:48 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Cc:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; mgcc@macgrove.org  
**Subject:** Praise the lord...

...organized collection makes sense on many levels...especially for the environment.



Todd Kolod

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**From:** William Beyer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 12:44 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Re: Coordinated Trash Collection update, public hearing

Dear Councilperson Stark,

First, thank you for the informative update on the proposed coordination of city trash hauling.

Second, we as a household firmly support the agreement reached between the City and the 15 haulers, as Samantha Henningson summarized the agreement in her most helpful memo of July 10.

We urge the full Council to accept the staff's recommendation that the agreement be adopted.

And we are very grateful to you for your persistent leadership on this initiative to reduce truck traffic and save resources while supporting local, small haulers and maintaining consistent, quality customer service.

Most cordially,

William and Margareta Beyer

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**From:** Dan King  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 3:50 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** organized trash collection etc.

I don't know the details of the new plan, but I am very supportive of moving toward organized trash collection. The way it is currently done is incredibly inefficient. Was just prompted by a neighborhood email for my input.

Despite vocal contingents of people stuck in their ways, there are \*many\* of us in St. Paul who appreciate forward looking policies. While I'm here, I'll also put in a plug for:

- more funding for public schools
- more bike lanes and well planned routes that encourage biking for commuting etc.
- more NiceRide stations in St. Paul
- bring Open Streets to St. Paul (I was chastised by police for biking on the Grand Old Days route when the road was closed, but well before any parade activities, what's that all about?)
- more support for public transit

-more paid parking

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**From:** Allen Dundek  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:05 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection

Councilmember Stark,

I write in support of organized trash collection for my neighborhood and all of St Paul. I have lived in Merriam Park for over 30 years and worked in this neighborhood since 1990. It has always perturbed me that trash collection was disorganized, resulting in multiple trucks causing noise, pollution and accelerated alley pavement degradation. In our alley alone, I count seven different haulers plus two commercial haulers for apartment buildings.

I am pleased to hear that a tentative agreement has been reached with local trash haulers, and like the reported principles of the agreement.

I strongly encourage you to vote in favor of the measure when it comes before the city council. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Allen Dundek

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**From:** Joel Clemmer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 8:37 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Cc:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; Liz Boyer; Chris Coleman  
**Subject:** talking trash

I support organized trash collection for Saint Paul and urge the City Council and Mayor to approve it.

The reasons need go no further than common sense. Saint Paul's current "scramble" style of collection leads to a crazy parade of trucks up and down my alley, some of them in pursuit of just one or two bins. It simply violates good sense to continue that without change.

I think the protest I have heard from the haulers is short-sighted and counter their own interests. In the future, the amount of trash produced per household probably will decline while the amount of recyclables, a separate collection system, will increase. Entering into a cooperative contract-based relationship with the City, probably is a lifeline under those circumstances.

Macalester-Groveland's excellent report on the subject should guide us. Their recommendation of the Consortium model leaves much of the dickering with the haulers themselves, which may

be to everyone's relief. Second, encouraging consortial action among the haulers will encourage them to move to common administrative and billing practices. I believe that to be essential to achieving overall system efficiency, which we certainly do not have now.

In short, please approve organized trash collection.

Joel Clemmer

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 7:52 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Stay out of my garbage. The recycle program is a disaster. I always have to move the can to get in and out of my driveway. They put it in the middle of my driveway. I am always picking up the stuff that falls out. Stop and listen to the residents you are suppose to represent. Stop shoving all the ridiculous ideas down our throats. It seems like city council likes to waste money.

Diane Reevesn

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 6:14 AM  
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If there was a way to preserve local companies and save fuel, it is worth exploring. I will be furious if forced to pay for a huge corporation to pick up my small amount of trash (St Paul composts organics!).

Denise Dantis

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**From:** LaVonne M Batalden  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:13 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash Hauling

I regret that I cannot be at the meeting next week, but wish to be on record as supporting coordinated trash hauling. It is irritating and environmentally unsound to have five trash trucks go through our alley each week. I appreciate the work done thus far and am pleased with the guidelines that you have suggested.

Thank you,  
LaVonne Batalden

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**From:** aseSusan Robertson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:45 AM  
**To:** Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <[samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:** Re: Coordinated Trash Collection update, public hearing

Samantha,

Please let Councilman Stark know that I think this report embodies all that I had hoped to get out of organized trash hauling. I hope the council will adopt it and I hope that contract negotiations will go well. I know that a tremendous amount of work with the haulers was involved and it will be worth it. The city wins on all fronts.

Thank you,

Susan Robertson

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From: Karen Weium  
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 2:03 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: trash collection

Councilman Stark,

I wish the city would stay out of trash collection.

As a person employed in the private sector, I find the collective tax burden becoming too great to bear. I notice an increasing gap among my friends and acquaintances — public employees with pensions, health benefits, parental leave, etc., etc., and those of us in the private sector with none of those things. I am embarrassed to admit I am becoming resentful. I did not vote for Trump but can understand why some people did — government no longer serves the middle class but indeed feeds off it.

Perhaps the city should focus its efforts on the essential but failing programs it already administers, like schools, road repair, and crime prevention.

Anything you can do to shrink the size of government (because it will require more government to run and monitor trash collection) would be much appreciated.

Thanks, Karen Weium

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**From:** Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 11:12 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash

Anonymous Caller

Woman that called is opposed to the organized trash collection contract. She is diligent in her recycling and she composts. If she has big items she calls a hauler. She refuses to pay for garbage and is starting a campaign to vote out anyone on the Council that votes for this program.

She has hired an attorney to see if the City can force people to pay for things that they don't use.

This garbage collection program is a huge burden on the elderly and the disabled and she intends to call the AARP to have them help fight against the Citywide garbage service.  
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**From:** Barbara Murdock  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** Coordinated Trash Collection

Dear Ms. Henningson, Councilman Russ Stark, and all City Council Members:

Thank you for your excellent proposal on coordinated trash collection.

Our block tried to agree on one trash hauler some years ago, after our alley had been seriously renovated and we realized that the current four or five trash haulers visiting us each week were not only providing trash pickup, but also noise, pollution, and collateral wear on the alley. All but two households agreed to use the same trash hauler, but two did not, so we still have more than one trash hauler per week. Better, but not as good as one.

The entire proposal is sound. A few aspects stand out for me:

- All current, local and small haulers will provide service, but only one per neighborhood.
- This protects the haulers and their incomes.
- Because only one hauler will drive through our allies, we will benefit from less noise, less air pollution, and safer alleys.
- And... service will be consistent and high quality throughout the city

I ask the full Council to approve this agreement among trash haulers and the City of St. Paul. And I thank both the staff and the Council members for working on this useful and positive agreement.

Yours truly,

Barbara S. Murdock

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**From:** Gordon Murdock  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 12:02 PM  
**To:** Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <[samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>  
**Subject:**

Dear Ms. Henningson,

I write to encourage Councilman Stark to support the proposal for a single trash hauler to serve each neighborhood.

This would have several advantages for residents. Principal among these are reduction of noise from the collection trucks (they are very noisy) and reduction of wear and tear on roads and

particularly alleys (which I believe are constructed to lower standards of durability than regular roads). It can also permit the city to negotiate uniform services and rates for neighborhoods.

I understand that some haulers object to the proposal. I assume that their objection is because the proposed system would limit the ability of some haulers to try to increase their number of customers. It seems likely that by serving distinct areas, they can save money spent on fuel and additional equipment.

In the early '80s, if I recall correctly, haulers agreed among themselves to limit the areas each served. Customers complained that this resulted in artificially inflated prices due to lack of competition. If the City manages the system, it should be possible to control costs and have the benefits of less truck traffic and uniform service.

I support the notion being considered by the Council to assign areas to haulers.

Thank you for your attention to this, and thanks, too, to Councilman Stark for his attention and service.

Sincerely,

Gordon R. Murdock

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**From:** Annie Hanson  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:20 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Garbage

Councilmember Stark,

I generally support the effort to coordinate garbage hauling in St. Paul. It will be great to not have so many trucks going down the alley. However, the costs seem high and I would like you to make sure that neighbors can share a can (and the costs). My neighbors and I compost, recycle, bring egg cartons to co-ops and farmer's market vendors, and use as little plastic as possible. We have very little trash and would like to share a can and costs. Please make this a possibility.

Thanks!

Ann Hanson

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**From:** Paul Nelson  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 12:48 AM  
**To:** Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** RE: Cleveland Avenue Paul

Thursday, July 13, 2017

Good Morning, Kelly Bauer & Councilmember Russ Stark:

I want to express my support for the city effort and plan to consolidate trash hauling. I understand the reasons for this and feel it will be a good thing overall and over time. I currently have a call-in service for trash, and have trash pickup once or twice a year. There is nothing organic in my trash so I am able to store it for a while. I usually have four bags picked up, and so I am charged for my actual volume of trash. I hope I will still be able to still do this in some way with a new system. I will adjust. This may be late, but I do recommend consideration for how to do a charge by volume/weight for trash to be a part of the system.

Thank you  
Sincerely,  
Paul Nelson

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 7:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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john rogne

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 1:31 PM  
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The Recycling program has gone from bad to worse and now you want to take over trash collection too. Can we do more about Crime? That seems to be a bigger issue. Thanks appreciate being able to give my feedback. Nan Loucks

Nan Loucks

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**From:** Karen Adamson  
**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 2:46 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul); Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul)  
**Subject:** City Wide Garbage

Greetings Mr. Stark,

I plan to attend the next City Council Public Hearing next Wed 07/19 at 5:30. however, 45 seconds is not enough time to express my opion, concerns, and suggestions regarding the city-wide garbage collection. I would like to briefly share those thoughts with you in this email

My Hauler:

- I've lived (owned) in St. Paul for 20 years & I have had the same provider, 'Pete's Rubbish', the entire time.

- 'Pete's' is a husband & wife, 1 truck operation; they took over the family business from Jen's father when he retired a few years ago.
- 'Pete's' has always provided a great weekly service at a resonable price - \$30/mo for a 90 gallon can.
- Whenever we need something extra picked up, we call them & they pick it up; depending on the load, they may charge an extra fee.
- I realizes that owing your own (garbage) business may not be everyone's american dream, but it's someone's dream, of owning their own business & being their own boss.

On the issues of removing large items:

- First of all, in our neighborhood (& throughout the city) there are scrappers that roam the alleys every week - every 'metal' item we've set out in the alley, has been picked up by scrappers within 3 days.
- There are at least a couple of towns in southern Minnesota, that organize seasonal curbside or alley pick up of large items 2 or 3 times a year.
- Would it be feasable for St. Paul to impliment such program/contact with garbage companies?
- The plan could map out the different neighborhoods/streets for curbside or alley collection 2 or 3 times a year.
- Yes, it may not be pretty sight to see in your neighborhood for a day or two during the seasonal pickup, however, it's no secret that we all genereate garbage.
- Service may have to be provided at a minimal cost of less than \$5/mo on our property taxes
- If someone cannot wait for their scheduled seasonal pick up & their own provider cannot pick it up, then give the option to allow an 'out of schedule' pick up once or twice per year (per household) for an additional out of pocket cost.

Too Many Trucks In Alley?

- The garbage collectors (& scrappers) know our neighborhoods & alleys - it's some of those service people that provide some sense of civil protection & security while everyone is at work or school during the day.

Recycling Program:

- I'm not sure if you figured out all the glitches with the recycling program - this is what played out in our neighborhood - we use to place our recycles curbside on recycle day. Now we have 60 gallon blue carts in the alley.

- I use to set out my recycle bins when they were full, every 2-3 weeks.

- Now everyones 60 gallon blue cart sits in the alley (like the majority of St. Paul residents) & the recycle crew has to check & empty every recycle bin in our alley, creating more (but less physical?) work.

There it is in a 'nutshell'. I will see you at the meeting.

PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T FIRE MY HAULER 'PETE'S RUBBISH'.

Sincerely,

Karen Adamson

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**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 10:51 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Councilperson Stark,

This is not the first message I have sent and I was appalled as one of your constituents, at your last response as though you and big city government know what is better and you are simply dictating what should happen here.

The city of Saint Paul has many other issues to fix and you should be addressing those instead of sticking your nose in this.

The city has proven that it can't handle simple things like keeping our city streets plowed and sanded during the winter and now you want to take on responsibility for ensuring our garbage is removed??! There is the old saying "If you want to find out how important someone's job is, stop the garbage hauling for one day". Good luck -If garbage is handled by the city as well as street maintenance, we should be declared a disaster area in no time!

I could not be more disappointed in you or the rest of the council. Based on your previous response on this topic, I for one cannot wait until you are up for re-election. Shame on you for not listening to your constituents and for assuming you know better. You are creating a solution where there isn't a problem while you turn your nose up and ignore real problems like road maintenance, taxes, homelessness, crime and more. As your employer I deserve and expect more.

HELEN MCINTYRE

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**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 2:00 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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What provisions will be made for seniors? I'm handicapped, live alone, and on a fixed income. I have the smallest size trash can available, for which I'm obviously charged less. I don't mind having a 64 gallon recycling bin or discovering the fee on my property tax statement, which was of course the case when

we had blue boxes. Though it's big, I can roll this behemoth out every third week. I have an in-home O.T. person who spent half an hour with me, teaching me to handle it safely. That every-third-week certainly wouldn't work for trash and this larger one-size-fits-all trash can would obviously be harder to maneuver by myself.

At present, because we have no alley and my small one-car garage is close to the sidewalk, I keep my trash can behind a gated fence and on a concrete slab more or less adjacent to my garage door, which my hauler willingly pulls open and easily handles, because I rarely have more than 2 relatively light plastic 13-gallon bags. I worry that any new hauler will insist I roll this larger trash can out each week to my driveway apron next to the street curb, which I probably couldn't do by myself. Mind you, I'm not looking for a handout. I just don't want to subsidize a household 4 times the size of mine. That seems unfair.

What about customer service? Who will be responsible for resolving problems? The city? The hauler? I recently had a recycling problem. Because there seemed no city number anywhere in either introductory pamphlet, I called the recycler's number. They told me the city had recently sent out a clarification letter. He offered to send me a copy which a week later I have yet to receive. He also had suggested I call the city office, though he had no specific idea who to contact.

After 2 tries in the phone book blue pages, I called the Mayor's office. They couldn't help me, but left a message for the Public Works contact to call me back. After 48 hours, when no one had called me back, I called the Mayor's office again, got the name Kris and her direct number so I could myself call. I got through. When I politely asked if she'd received my call, she was clearly annoyed that I'd failed to realize I was one of perhaps dozens or more whose concerns had ended up in her voice mail.

When I tried to explain my problem, that I hadn't understood the wording in the initial pamphlet sent out, she was dismissive and somewhat patronizing, brusquely pointing out that I just hadn't read the pamphlet correctly. That led to an argument which I handled poorly. Maybe she was having a bad day, but I keep thinking, if I have concerns about trash pickup, am I going to have to get a higher dosage of blood pressure meds? If I hadn't called the city after 48 hours, would I still be waiting by my phone? I understand Kris may be the city contact for trash pickup as well. She seems already overwhelmed, so will that work?

Like every other citizen, retired or working, my time is valuable. The thought of having made 4 calls to resolve a simple problem made me wish I could instead, come 2018, myself haul my trash to Hugo where I feel confident my mom and pop family hauler would at once know what to do. Remove the trash from my car with a smile and send me home. Small means you'll always be my favorite customer, or so it will feel. Big means I've got a good sales pitch for you, one which may lead me to think for all of 5 minutes that they truly have an investment in my overall well-being.

Thanks for reading this. I tried not to be crabby, but frankly I still haven't forgiven all of you for the disgraceful Grand Avenue parking meter debacle plus the forgiven property tax for the soccer stadium, the latter of which will surely look good on the Mayor's resume for Governor. No matter that the parking issue hasn't been properly addressed and the spillover of rowdy patrons will likely fill up the nearby residential neighborhood, such that many residents will now have to decide between selling the house and building an addition onto their garage. Opting for the garage would of course require a variance from the city. Good luck with that.

JUDITH MONSON

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 11:38 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Please allow us the freedom To choose our own trash haulers.

Joseph Gleason

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**From:** Rosie P  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 15, 2017 10:14 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized trash hauling

Hello,  
I can't make it to the hearing and would like to add my comment to the public record.

I am a proponent of this change. I agree it will make a huge difference in the wear and tear on our alleyways, and improve consistency of service. I also like that trash service is no longer voluntary, since this leads to more illegal dumping.

One change I would propose is to increase the frequency of large item pick up to look more like the city of Minneapolis. With universal service smaller trash won't be dumped, but larger items like mattresses will continue to be a problem.

Thank you for your efforts to improve the trash service in St. Paul!

Rosalie Pierce-Martin

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07/17/2017

Louise Jones, 1730 Portland

Called to state that they are happy with their current garbage hauler and they are opposed to the City take over.

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07/17/2017

Renee Wiger, 25 Ludlow

Called the Ward 4 office to say that she is opposed to a one size fits all garbage collection and she doesn't think it should happen until the City addresses the cost and makes it known to everyone because the competition is important.

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07/17/2017

John Newcome

2249 Fairmount Ave

Called to say he is opposed to coordinated trash collection and that he would want everyone to be able to pick their own vender and the garbage collectors should be able to choose their customers.

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Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 9:37 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Trash

Fully support coordinated trash pick up. Way too many trucks overlapping needlessly.  
Susan McCabe

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 12, 2017 12:29 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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We have had quite a bit of trouble with Eureka recycling switch to alley service this year (we have a non maintained alley and Eureka did not want to pick up as it was a hassle for them - drivers words as they drove by w/o picking up). It took a lot of time and effort by us and our alley neighbors to get this taken care of - many calls and emails to Eureka and emails to your own office (thank you for your help on that). (our neighbor across the alley still does not get alley pick up for some reason, btw)

We are very happy with our current garbage service - they always pick up the phone, and they are fantastic about consistent service and no problems with picking up from our alley. We fear that , with new garbage service, we will have problems with alley pickup again - we do not have a front drive or garage - there is no good way to carry a large smelly garbage can around the side of our house or through the house, especially in the winter. If any new garbage service give us problems with alley pickup (like Eureka did), we will no longer have the option to change provider to one that does offer alley service. The system isn't broken in our mind, so we ask that we stay with what we already have. We would rather pay for good service, rather than have all service banned except for whichever the city



decides to have service Desnoyer Park. Please let us know your thoughts on this matter - and please let us know how best to have our views heard.

Thank you for your service to our city and Desnoyer Park.

Aaron and Becka Janse 536 Desnoyer Ave St. Paul, MN 55104 612-396-4656

Aaron Janse

536 DESNOYER AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Saturday, January 23, 2016 3:37 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** randmsanitation@gmail.com;  
**Subject:** Not in favor of Organized Hauling System

Russ Stark,

Please side with healthy competition and **do not support the proposed Organize Hauling System** for St. Paul.. We currently are very happy with our small business rubbish hauler R&M Sanitation. We've had a relationship with this hauler for 36 years in Merriam Park.

There is no need to run such excellent small businesses out of their livelihood. Our view is to allow the marketplace work and do not have government dictate the service provider for families. Please side with healthy competition which enables such small business endeavors.

Regards,

Jim Baxter  
1939 Dayton Ave

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**Sent:** Monday, April 10, 2017 12:29 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** City Garbage Collection Plan

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  
2211 Fairmount Ave.  
St. Paul, MN 55105

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**Sent:** Monday, May 29, 2017 10:09 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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This was tried back in the 70s and 80s. It failed then, so why force it now. Leave the little guys alone. Find a better solution. The FORCED recycle program now makes the alleys look junkey and crowded. So that's one example of something NOT very well thought out. ALSO, whomever decided the Midway area needed roundabouts should go see a shrink. They are dangerous because these intersections are NOT large enough to support properly support them and take much needed space away from the intersection. Vehicles continue to speed around them. There has to be a better solution. This was good money wasted. Now the city is wasting more money by moronic politicians that don't have a clue about the neighborhoods they live in. I might have one or two 30-gal. trash bags a month, yet have to pay for a 65-gal. bin on a weekly basis. There are apartments in the area that pay the same and still over-run with trash. Our alleys are a disgrace - trash everywhere. People in this area throw trash on sidewalks, on boulevards, in the street and in yards. Few people will consciously pick up trash (dog pooh included). If the city really wanted to help with it's image: put publicly assisted recipients to work cleaning up the streets, clearing sidewalks and helping disabled and elderly with mowing in the summer and shoveling

walkways in the winter. Time to get the proverbial "bang for the buck" program up and running. TIME TO PUT PRIDE BACK INTO "OUR" CITY. St. Paul was almost pristine when I came here in 1970. NOW, it is trashy and un-kempt. It doesn't need the leaders to green it up, it needs the leaders to clean it up. GO FOR IT - if you have the courage. But, so few have the courage for fear of offending someone instead of doing the right thing.

Rebecca Gray

1123 SHERBURNE AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 5:39 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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Ayron Edwards

1199 CHARLES AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Thursday, May 4, 2017 6:14 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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After how badly the transition to the new recycling went for us, just leave it alone. Please. I cannot deal with a 40% pickup rate for my trash.

Silva Helmer

3 LANGFORD PARK  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 9, 2017 12:39 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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Perfectly satisfied with our present garbage holler. Price is right, service is excellent. Leave well enough alone.

Joyce Nevins

1469 CHELSEA ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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**Sent:** Sunday, April 16, 2017 9:14:21 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Garbage Collection in Saint Paul

Hello Mr. Stark,

Recently, I read that you are part of the organized committee to organize trash haulers in Saint Paul.

While I know some people believe it's a great idea, our household does not.

We believe that as citizens, we should be able to choose and keep our current trash hauler.

We've had our trash hauler, Gene's for 20+ years and we're not changing.

This is just another way for the City to dictate our lives at the expense of the residents.

Our neighborhood block tried the one trash hauler years ago and it didn't work.

It's too often new residents then come into the the neighborhood and the new neighbors then choose a different hauler.

These trash haulers have invested their whole lives, invested in this City and now your City Council has this great grandious idea that will literally put them out of business.

As we can see from this great plan, this is just another way to DISABLE the small businessman in our community.

This whole idea needs to be trashed and please don't INVEST in City money hiring some taskforce to then make some idiotic choice.

As our elected official, we would like you to hear our voice that this is a huge crock.

Gene's Disposal has been our hauler, will be and you will not be able to change our minds.

I know there are all types of people who believe we need to save the earth, but what about saving the professions of people who've worked their tails off for years.

Thank you for your time,

Elizabeth Connolly  
1421 Albany Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 9:49 PM  
**To:** Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul) <kelly.bauer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Re: Organized Trash Collection

St Paul City Council Member Stark,

I strongly oppose organized trash collection.

I have enjoyed high quality and fairly priced trash collection services from Berquist and Son Haulers for 14 plus years and believe the new city monopoly being created in the trash business is bad for my family and bad for St. Paul.

Lets just look at a few of the goals presented as the rationale of this effort and compare how this will directly impact my family in St. Paul.

Consistent, and high quality customer service throughout city: I have this today and the city is taking away my preference for garbage hauler and will be "matching" me to a vendor based on current market share. Does the city council believe it can choose a better garbage hauler than I have? In 14 years I have had nothing but good service, is the city council uniquely qualified in customer service or choosing open market garbage hauling vendors?

Stable, uniform rates and reasonable, low cost: I pay \$23.33 per month including taxes for 65 gallon service today. Based on the latest Pioneer Press report, my new service will be \$29.76 per month PLUS annual fees starting at \$52 in year one. So let me get this straight, the city council wants stable, uniform, and low cost rates and as result on a go forward annual basis my bill is going up to \$409.12 vs. the \$279.96 for year one or a huge 46% increase as a result?

Reduction in illegal dumping: Illegal dumping is a problem today, and will be a problem after this monopoly is implemented. What direct amount of illegal dumping should I expect in reduction after this monopoly is implemented? People who don't pay for garbage today will now be paying (>40% more than today apparently) for garbage service so we can expect this to go away?. If the city council believes that, lets raise the price of metered parking to reduce the amount of illegal parking! So assuming this can't be quantified, lets use the \$300K number provided as a baseline for expected cost. With 115K households in St Paul, thats roughly \$2.61 per household of "illegal dumping" cost paid by the city. I will take that amount and pay my \$2.61 city cost in illegal dumping over 12 months, or \$0.22 per month (hey lets round up to

\$0.25 per month) and I will still save over \$10 per month versus this city council fix to this issue. If prices go up (cost is the cause for dumping), does the amount of illegal dumping go up?

Less truck traffic. No arguments here (lets just ignore the rights to public use of streets and the fact haulers pay taxes the same as every other person and business with transportation). Please detail out the cost savings for my annual right of way maintenance. My costs are going up by 46% for garbage hauling, as a result my right of way taxes should decrease as the replacement wear and tear would be less. Unless the wear and tear or replacement costs are not being adjusted, then I guess I just want to keep the current system.

Reduction in garbage burning. Illegal burning activity today is going to be reduced tomorrow because a monopoly garbage contract that costs >40% than current services is implemented? This is simply not plausible, in fact we should expect MORE burning if significant cost increases are implemented. Unless a higher garbage hauling cost equal less burning?

Easy access for all residents. I don't see how someone who could navigate the process to purchase/rent in St Paul, is suddenly incapable of getting basic services such as garbage collection. These companies are competing for the business, provide a high level of service to get the business, and have every incentive to win each and every household of St. Paul. Could the city of St. Paul help connect citizens? Sure, but how does reducing my choice for garbage collection further that endeavor?

Monopoly or "coordinated collection" is bad for my family and St. Paul.

Very best regards,

Dan Rosedahl

1765 Ashland

<http://www.twincities.com/2017/07/17/st-pauls-trash-collection-plan-21-32-per-month-plus-annual-fee/>

<https://mn.gov/admin/demography/data-by-topic/population-data/our-estimates/>

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Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 9:18 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Trash hauling

Hello,

I live in ward 4. I like being able to switch garbage haulers when I'm unhappy with the service.  
Please leave trash hauling as it is.

Thanks,

Brian Barrett

1480 W Minnehaha Ave

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**Sent:** Sunday, May 7, 2017 11:49 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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Brian Bergson

2047 DAYTON AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 11:39 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Coordinated Trash Collection

Councilman Stark,

As a resident of Como Park I'm very much apposed to the City of Saint Paul getting into the trash business. The city is coming up to almost four month of recycling under the new larger wheeled container and driving in my alley on Fridays. Of the 14 Fridays the city has picked up our recycling from the larger wheeled container, only two Fridays has this container been



completely emptied. On one occasion, the container fell off the hook as it was going up into the truck and fell to the ground and spilled all over the alley. Now the city wants to handle my trash? Not a good way to impress a tax person. BTW, in all the information sent out regarding the new recycling program, no where do I recall the assessment or tax fee charged to each home owner for this program. That's just wrong!

We moved into the Como Park area ten years ago and signed up with Gene's Disposal Service. Wonderful company. We pay in the \$90 range for three months service. That price has never changed. I pay the bill within the 90 day period. One time I realized I had forgot to pay the bill and call them up at the end of the 90 days trying to pay over the phone. The response was don't worry about it, just send your check as soon as possible, don't worry, we will still pick up your container. During remodeling I called and asked if they would take my old toilet? The response was yes, just sit it by your container, don't break it up, there will be an extra charge. My next statement I believe I was charge something like \$20 extra for the toilet. Gene's is just a great company for a resident to work with and I don't want to loose that service or that company.

The city needs to stay out of the trash business and do what they need to do. Streets, sidewalks, sewers, water, utilities, police & fire, etc. and leave the trash to the private professionals who know what they are doing.

Regards,

Steve Grans  
1391 Simpson St, 55108  
651-249-8022

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**Sent:** Tuesday, May 30, 2017 3:39 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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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.

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Dave Olson

1787 MINNEHAHA AVE W  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Saturday, April 15, 2017 12:00 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** trash collection

Dear Councilman Stark,

I'm writing share my opinion about the effort to take over trash collection. I am not in favor of it. I live in Ward 4 and much prefer my current trash collection.

I'm not in favor of it for two reasons. One is that the city recycling program has not been well run for my neighborhood. Since the January roll out of the blue bins, they have skipped my alley 4 times, and one time they didn't pick it up because, as they told me with a note, the bin wasn't placed in the correct place in the alley. It was four paces away from the alley. My bin was also next to my garbage bin, and the garbage hauler picks it up every week from that same place without a problem. I've called Eureka twice to complain. I would quickly drop Eureka in place of another hauler if possible.

The second reason is that I like St. Paul because of all the small, local businesses. I shop local. Some haulers have gone door to door working to get our business. I love that. I want to choose Highland Sanitation, Bergland and Sons, Aspen Waste, and other local haulers over Waste Management or another national giant. **And if one isn't up to standard, I want to be able to do something about it! (Like switch haulers.)**

Additionally, the environmental reasons are not compelling to me. A couple extra trucks in our alley over seven days is not a big deal to me (and we have two kids who play outside).

I say this all as a committed Democrat. I'm a teacher in Roseville Area Schools, my wife and I volunteered for Hillary, etc. I think government employees do important work and I support them. This isn't a Republican/Democrat thing. This is a "this-doesn't-make-sense" thing.

Please spend your time on other issues, this is not the best use of our time. I want to choose my own service.

Thanks for all you do, we love living in St. Paul!

Haakon Nelson

1635 Ashland Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
612.710.4824

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**Sent:** Thursday, April 20, 2017 10:11 AM  
**To:** ward4stpaul@public.govdelivery.com  
**Subject:** Re: Ward 4 updates

Hello Russ Stark and Team!

I have strong opinions in support of organizing our garbage services, and thought this might be an opportunity to share with you, the observations of my fresh eyes as I moved here from Minneapolis last June.

These things stood out to me immediately upon moving in, and made me miss Minneapolis (Please note I'm from St. Paul originally):

1. No city wireless service, and I am now slave to the devil that is Comcast, as I have a home office and therefore can't go on internet strike;
2. Garbage, whose my garbage? What? there are many garbages? I guess I'll call them all. Nobody answers their phones, and it took me forever. I was livid by the end of my efforts to get garbage service. It was confusing and frustrating, and at a time when I had so many other things on my plate, getting situated.
3. I spent a lot of time doing internet research and calling companies, trying to find organics recycling. No dice. Shame.
4. I just finally finish cooking and eating dinner, and I'd like to walk around the corner to pick up a bottle of wine. Why is the liquor store already closed, it's only 8:05?!
5. And this one may seem small, but was the most shocking. I walk my dog around the neighborhood, and there is not a garbage can to be found. So I walk with my dog and his poop. In our twin city, there is a can just about every other block. This might be why I'm always finding trash on my sidewalk here. I don't understand this.

Basically, it was really inconvenient living here. A few steps backwards. But, I moved here because as a cyclist and a lady about town, I know that this is one of the best locations in the TC. The potential is so huge, I wouldn't even know where to begin. Luckily, you do, and you already have so many improvements in the works, including some on my list. Keep up the good work! But for the love of god, put out some garbage cans like a civilized society.

On a positive note, when I was trying to set up my recycling service, preparing for another

confusing and drawn out time investment, I was shocked and pleased to be informed that I didn't have to do anything, I just had to put my recycling out and the service was paid for by my taxes. This was a huge win, when I really needed one. Especially when I found out they were retiring the impractical square bins, and moving to carts. St. Paul is rocked on this one.

Thanks again for the Cleveland bike lanes!

Thanks for reading~  
Erica Eilers

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 12, 2017 8:30 AM  
**To:** Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Garbage Collection

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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**Sent:** Friday, July 07, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council  
**Subject:** Garbage pick up

I have seen many notices on Facebook recently spouting off against the proposed changes in garbage pick up. I want you to know that I am all for it. There are currently at least 6 trucks that go down our alley each week. I would love to see that change! Our alley dead-ends at White Bear Ave, so its very annoying. Most people I know in Maplewood are very happy with the change. I think it would be great for St. Paul!

Thanks.

Deb Spencer  
1751 Ross Ave.

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:34 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Proposed trash collection plan.

Just a note to say I oppose the plan to change trash collection in the city. I currently pay Krupenny & Sons Disposal approximately \$281/year for a 95 gallon container. According to a recent article in the Pioneer Press, I would be expected to pay \$430/year for an equivalent container. That's an increase of \$149! What rational person would support something that would increase their costs by 65%? When it comes to trash collection, I care about two things: service and cost. In my case the service has always been excellent and the cost has been acceptable. Now my costs apparently will increase, I have no guarantee of acceptable service, nor would I have any means of recourse if I'm dissatisfied with my service as I'd have no option to change haulers. This is a terrible idea.

Eric Oberg  
1426 Minnehaha Ave. W.  
St. Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:53 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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I hate the alley recycling program. Limits recycling amounts, takes longer and many misses. Have used the same trash hauler for 15 years. I'd prefer you leave some choices/competition to the homeowner. Too much government interference!

Donna Landers

1273 BLAIR AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:22 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Coordinated trash pickup

This proposal for Coordinated Trash Pickup is Fantastic!! So many benefits to the city will be derived. Yes, change is hard for all but this is extremely logical. Thanks for your good work!

Robert Alf  
1657 Marshall Avenue  
651-206-1937

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 9:03 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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Joseph Zastrow

1252 HUBBARD AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Monday, July 17, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Trash Collection

Council Member Stark,

I have lived in St. Paul for 50 of my 66 years and all of that time, I have had the freedom of choice to choose which trash collection company that I wanted to do business with, without the interference by the city government. I have changed companies on several occasions, because I was either unsatisfied with their service or the cost of their service was more than what I was willing to pay. That freedom of choice makes for a strong industry that offers competition and affordable prices.

At first, I heard that the city wanted to dictate which part of the city trash collection companies could do business in, supposedly because there was too much truck traffic in the neighborhoods each day. So the city wanted to dictate which companies could service each area of the city, thus creating monopolies. I would like to know who the brainiacs are that come up with these ideas. Apparently, there are some people out there who have the time to monitor the amount of necessary truck traffic in their neighborhoods. If you really wanted to reduce the number of trash collection trucks coming through the neighborhoods, then why not solve the problem with a creative solution, that won't put family owned companies out of business? Why not just limit trash collection in each area of the city to one day of the week? A different day of the week could be designated for trash collection in each Ward of the city. This would limit the trash collection truck traffic in each area of the city to one day a week, without putting companies out of business and eliminating my freedom of choice. Apparently, this is too creative of a solution for the government mind.

Now I hear that the city wants to take over the trash collection business. Your proposed change for trash collection to be taken over by the city has no merit and is unjustified. With your proposal, of city government to take over trash collection, you want to take my freedom of choice away from me and the other citizens of this city. You want to destroy

this competitive choice that keeps costs to its customers under control and provides reliable service. You want to put family owned businesses that have provided reliable affordable service for many years, out of business. Rather than creating jobs, you want to destroy jobs. You want to replace those companies with an inefficient government controlled operation, that will be more expensive for the citizens of St. Paul. You want to replace this free enterprise system with a monopoly.

Where have we heard something like this before; you can keep your insurance company; you can keep your doctor; your insurance premiums won't go up?

What service industry will the city want to take over next? Will the city next want to take over the lawn care business? Will the city next want to tell me where I can get my hair cut? Will the city next want to tell me where I have to take my car to have the oil changed? This proposal is a power grab by the city to try to control one more aspect of the lives of its citizens.

Government is able to do very few activities efficiently at affordable cost. Some of those activities are protecting our country with a military; entering into treaties; and building and maintaining roads and bridges. Other than those, government destroys everything that it touches and drives up the costs and lessens efficiency. The city of St. Paul government has NO business being involved in the trash collection business. The city of St. Paul can barely provide the services that it is supposed to be providing, such as street maintenance; filling pot holes; maintaining street lighting; snow removal; and keeping lawless demonstrators from shutting down the freeways. Leave the trash collection business to those that have been doing that job quite well for decades.

The citizens of St. Paul voted you, into office to protect OUR best interests and to fulfill OUR wishes, not to come up with new ideas on how to control our lives and to do what YOU think is best for us. This is an example of city government out of control and of the arrogance of those voted into office, believing that they have the power to do whatever they wish. We don't want or need socialized trash collection in the city of St. Paul.

This change does not represent my desires or my best interests or those of the citizens of St. Paul. I want you to keep this in mind when you vote on this issue and how it will effect your ability to be re-elected. Stick to the business that you were hired for and stay out of our personal lives.

Thomas Brock  
1383 Burns Ave.  
St. Paul, MN. 55106

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7/13/17  
Cherie Lynn Farseth  
1450 Sheldon St

Called to say she is strongly opposed to organized trash, her needs are being met. She is a senior citizen on a limited income, and a one sized fits all service doesn't work for her. She has a personal relationship with her hauler.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 1:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Support for trash hauling plan

Dear Council Member Stark,

Since I can't be at the hearing tomorrow, I'm writing in support of the proposed plan to coordinate trash hauling in St. Paul.

The number of garbage trucks on our streets and alleys is a big complaint we hear in our neighborhood. It's one of those quality of life issues that you may be used to, but that just wears away at you every day. In my alley, for instance, we have six different haulers (plus the Eureka recycling truck) every week.

This is crazy, both from an alley wear-and-tear perspective and an energy-use perspective. Everyone would save money by having less wear on the alleys, less fuel expended, and less wear on the trucks themselves. Not to mention less frequent noise and less tail pipe pollution.

I am glad the plan has provided for three large items each year and yard waste (at additional cost), and that it allows for direct customer service. Also that the workers will be paid a decent wage.

And I particularly appreciate that the plan allows for biweekly pickup. As part of moving St. Paul toward zero waste, having graduated sizes and pickup increments provides incentives to people to throw away less, while they reduce and reuse/recycle more.

This plan is part of making St. Paul the most livable city. Thank you!

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Pat Thompson  
Transition Town - All St. Anthony Park  
Co-chair, St. Anthony Park Community Council Transportation Committee

1496 Raymond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

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**July 18 phone calls/voicemails**

Anonymous -- Disagrees with the garbage proposal

Anonymous – opposes mandatory garbage plan

Karen Adamson – opposes City takeover of garbage (1519 Almond Ave)

Jason Given – very much against the trash plan. This will cause significant increase in annual costs. Currently pays \$66/quarter, and will pay more for an equivalent can that's actually somewhat smaller. (1809 Englewood)

Patricia? Lee—Please put in an opt-out clause. A lot of people on my block don't have a lot of trash. I compost and recycle and am already pay for recycling.

John Davis? – Support single hauler but opposed to the cost. This will mean a 33% increase in my rates, and I don't need the bulky pickup.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 2:02 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
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Bill Walsh

1856 PORTLAND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 4:37 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Bauer, Kelly (CI-StPaul) <kelly.bauer@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** City Wide Trash Collection Contract

Dear City Council Member Russ Stark

I am writing to you in regards to the Pioneer Press article on the St. Paul City Wide Trash Service contract. As community member I have not been a big supporter of having single source pickup, as I really like my current trash provider (Pete's Rubbish) , and am a big believer in complete free enterprise. But I understand how reducing truck traffic has its benefits. I also hope that trash pickup day and recycling pickup day are coordinated. We have been continuously told through the media that our quality will go up and our price will go down. However, after reading highlights of the contract via the newspaper article, I have decided my trash service rates will significantly increase, if I use the closes can size to what I currently have (38 gallon), which happens to be slightly smaller (35 gallon), I will pay \$103.60 more than I have been paying.

Per the article; I will secure a 35 gallon can for 24.40/mth plus an annual fee of \$52/yr = \$344.80

My Rubbish fee from Pete's Rubbish is \$60.30/qtr = \$241.20/year

Under the proposed contract I will incur a price increase of \$103.60/year. Over the 5 year contract term this will cost me and my family an additional \$518.

The article also stated they each house hold will be able to dispose of three bulking items, and a Christmas tree each year. I do not know what the City considers a bulky item. For me, this is not an issue. I do not use a live Christmas tree. This service will be a waste. When I have bulky items, I strip it down, recycle what I can, and slowly dispose of the item, over a couple weeks, in my trash can.

I do not know about you, but I do not have a money tree growing in my yard. Secondly I have been extremely happy with the quality of service provide by Pete's Rubbish. With the new system I have no options, and if they do not meet expectations, I cannot change providers. I am stuck with whatever, who ever does the job.

Lastly why do we have to pay an annual administrative fee of approximately \$52. I am already paying \$16.53 in trash tax. I am not sure how many homes will benefit from this service, but I would estimate 100K properties. This will provide an estimated \$5.2M dollars to the city per year. If these funds are used solely for managing this service, there is an extreme fleecing of our community, through government inefficiency.

I encourage you to not to except the current contract proposal.

Best regards,

Jason Given

1809 Englewood Ave

St. Paul, MN 55104

Pioneer Press News article "St. Paul's Trash Collection Plan: \$21 -\$32

<http://www.twincities.com/2017/07/17/st-pauls-trash-collection-plan-21-32-per-month-plus-annual-fee/>

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July 19 phone calls prior to 1pm

Debbie Musolf – Wants to keep current hauler. They will even help an elderly person get their cart out, and she doubts that would happen with government service (1359 Breda).

Anonymous – Garbage collection is working fine now

Todd S---? – Interested in getting a little more info. Wanted to convey experience with other City services that are for lack of a better term “trash”


Anonymous – opposes city takeover of garbage. Believes there should be multiple opportunities for businesses and that we should be able to negotiate our own price.

Ralph Davies – Opposes city takeover of trash collection (Grand Avenue)

Laura Manning – The proposal would increase her bill \$124. She pays \$76/quarter for a 96 gallon can with Garbage man. Her block has organized to use the same hauler, so has limited traffic. The new recycling traffic increased alley traffic because the truck has to come down twice to collect both sides.

Thomas J Kane

1298 Seminary Ave



April 12, 2017

City Council President Russ Stark  
310-D City Hall  
15 Kellogg Blvd., West  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Council President Stark,

Thank you for your work on behalf of Saint Paul's Ward 4, specifically those of us in the Hamline Midway area. I have been a resident of Hamline Midway since 1999 when I moved into an apartment building at Hewitt and Pierce Butler. My wife, Rachel, and I bought our current home on Seminary in 2005 and today we just closed on a vacant lot on Hewitt Avenue where we hope to build our "dream home".

Our decision to stay in and invest in the Hamline-Midway neighborhood is due in large part to the high quality transit options and other services available to us here. We have convenient access to the greater Twin Cities as well as an ever increasing and improving set of amenities in Hamline-Midway, such as the new MN United Stadium, that are made possible by the ease of access provided by these transit options.

I want to express my support not just for pro-growth transit options, but also for the effort to improve refuse collection. I see what friends and family members have in Minneapolis with respect to e-waste recycling and I want that. Co-workers who live in the suburbs have large item pickup, some have curbside yard waste, I want that. The current system does not provide any of this. High quality transit improves quality of life and spurs growth. While garbage collection is not as "flashy", it too can be a high quality service that improves quality of life. And who does not want to live somewhere with a higher quality of life?

Sincerely,



Thomas J Kane

**From:** Matt%20Anfang [<mailto:mranfang@comcast.net>]

**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:48 AM

**To:** Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul); Brendmoen, Amy (CI-StPaul); Stark, Russ (CI-StPaul); Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul); Thao, Dai (CI-StPaul); Noecker, Rebecca (CI-StPaul); Bostrom, Dan (CI-StPaul)

**Cc:** Hageman, Kris (CI-StPaul)

**Subject:** Organized Collection

Greetings.

Please accept my email into the record associated with the July 19, 2017 Public Hearing Resolution 17-203 on Organized Collection Options.

While I agree there may be some merits to an organized collection program in the City of Saint Paul the current proposal does not meet what I would agree is sound public policy.

Personally I will see a rate and fee increase that will total more than \$160 annually. \$52 of this amount will go to the city to fund 4 new and unnecessary employees and an ongoing City obligation of over \$700K annually. The remaining dollars will go for the purchase of new carts. We already have carts, carts I have paid for already via my fees to my selected hauler.

Undoubtedly there will be some that default on their fees to haulers. Please share with us how the city intends on compensating haulers for unpaid accounts, what amount is estimated to accrue on an annual basis and the source of those funds.

It has been said that this is the last chance for the haulers to proceed with a plan that will not result in an outcome where an RFP will be issued which may result in a single, national company, providing service city wide where 14 small businesses may lose their livelihood. This threat to these businesses is wrong. After decades of responsibly serving customers, negotiating rates and carrying out responsible waste stream practices these small businesses, the employees and the customers do not deserve being told that they can no longer do business in St. Paul.

In my opinion, the city has failed, to date, despite paying a contractor (May 2, 2016 Foth Infrastructure Contract #881) over \$300,000 to manage this process and establish a communications plan to city residents, to qualify or quantify the cost / benefit of implementing this plan. There are anecdotal preferences both for and against but when taxpayers are asked to contribute more the burden should lie with the city to justify the cost. I have not seen a benefit analysis that supports your initiative.

To me, numbers presented for illegal dumping (\$250,000) do not justify creation of a new city program costing \$850-700K per year plus another \$6-8 Million dollars for new plastic carts. Can you commit that once implemented the \$52 annual fee will never go away after the carts are paid off? I understand you cannot commit to the actions of future councils but I am confident you probably don't believe it will ever go away.

You know, there are a lot of businesses that frequent our neighborhoods, distributors driving trucks, shipping / receiving companies, restaurant delivery and others. As it should be, none of these other users of our infrastructure are faced with the city telling them where and how they can do business. Our overall "traffic" will see minute reductions by forcing one industry to experience over-regulation all the while forcing an increase in cost to residents for a negligible return. It does not make sense to target one industry.

You're creating a new tax at a time the city budget is stretched razor thin. You could justify to me reasons why we need to invest in parks, libraries, poverty reduction and public safety. Instead you're choosing to invest in in four new staff and 78,000 plastic carts we already have.

This proposal is not ready for prime time and simply unnecessary. To me the cost of this proposal does not substantively change the livability of this city in a meaningful way.

Thank you,

Matt Anfang

1635 Bayard Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55116 (Ward 3)

## Public comment

**From:** Mike and Benita [<mailto:warns@pclink.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 5:55 PM

**To:** Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul)

**Subject:** Trash Hauling Public Hearing

Here are my concerns about trash hauling. Please share my comments with the rest of the Council. I can't attend the meeting because I will be skating in the US National Speed Roller Skating Championships.

I have two major objections to the citywide trash hauling proposal. First, I currently pay \$60 every three months for weekly pickup of a container that is just slightly smaller than the recycling bins. The proposed rate of just under \$25 per month means that I would pay \$75 per quarter, plus an annual fee of \$52. Right now I pay \$240 per year. Under the new rates, I would pay about \$352 per year. What would I get for the additional \$112? I could get up to 3 bulky items picked up, and one Christmas tree. I'm not sure that it is worth an extra \$112 per year for that. Since the new system will require me to pay extra to pick up yard waste, I will continue to take it to the county compost site, which is free.

My other objection is this. I currently get fantastic service from a family owned and operated company that I have used since 1993. I can't say enough good things about the level of service provided by Pete's Rubbish Hauling, and I don't like the thought of losing them. Since the haulers have not yet divvied up the city to see who will get which customers, I have no idea who will be hauling my trash. The best case would be that my block gets assigned to Pete's. The next best case is that I would get one of the other small, family-owned haulers serving St. Paul. I could live with that. What I cannot stomach is if my block is assigned to a large corporate hauler, especially if that company has a less-than-stellar reputation. I don't want to give my money to a large corporation when there are local businesses that provide the same service.

I don't think it is right to vote for the plan until all the details are ironed out, including the service routes of each hauler. My suggestion for this is to divide the city in a manner that every household gets to choose between two haulers, with one choice always being a small, family-owned company. This would preserve choice for families and haulers would have to compete for market share based on quality of service, rather than a huge corporation getting more customers by undercutting the little guys on price.

Please don't force me to patronize a large corporation whose business practices I don't support.

Benita Warns

1440 Lafond Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

651-641-1037

**From:** Andreas Jurewitsch [<mailto:andreas@jenningscl.org>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:55 PM



**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** Trash Collection in Saint Paul

Hi,

My name is Andreas Jurewitsch and I live in Ward 7. I am writing to you today to let you know that I am happy with the way trash is collected in my neighborhood today. I don't mind that different haulers drive through my street once a week, since I have literally dozens of school busses come through twice a day. I don't want to pay another unnecessary fee to the city, and I like to have the choice to hire whatever trash hauler I want.

I know that the city council is considering the new rules for trash hauling tomorrow. I hope that you will hear from many of my neighbors, who also think that this is not something the city needs to micro manage for its citizens.

Thank you!

Andreas Jurewitsch

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Therese Scherbel** <[scherbel@gmail.com](mailto:scherbel@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Jul 19, 2017 at 9:21 AM

Subject: In favor of one-hauler garbage contract

To: "Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul)" <[jane.prince@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:jane.prince@ci.stpaul.mn.us)>

I believe there is a public hearing tonight on the contract between the City and garbage haulers. I'm not going to make it, but I'd like to go down on public record as being in favor of this contract.

One concern I have is that good customer service may suffer. I'm hoping that the contract has a clause that allows for the City to fine the hauler or re-negotiate the contract in the event that service is inadequate. I don't want to be assigned a hauler in a long-term contract and then experience poor service from them. As the free-market system now stands, there is incentive for haulers to provide good customer service or the home-owner will cancel and go with another trash hauling company. I want to be sure that if we lose that incentive with the city contract, that we can at minimum have a dis-incentive to providing sub-par service.

Thank you.

Dear Council Member Jane Prince,

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When the city took over the recycling program it took three months for our recycling to be picked up on even a semi-regular basis. To this day still, our recycling isn't guaranteed to be picked up on a given week. I'd rather pay a private company that I can rely upon than a government that can't be trusted.

Zach Jansen  
1066 4TH ST E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Kathy Vasterling  
1990 WARBLER LN  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Phone messages:

Robert Egge, 76 Morningside Drive opposes organized trash. He will pay an extra \$30 per quarter.

Susan Roerick, 2057 N. Park Drive #2 is opposed

Scott Roundy, 337 Arlington opposed to one large company or the ability to change fees at will.

Patricia, 1064 E 6<sup>th</sup> Street – opposes organized trash, vote no

Robert Hauri, 1755 Leone Ave - Is currently paying \$288 per year for a 95 gallon can. With the City trash, will be paying \$436 per year. His can is in good condition and it is a waste of money to replace it. This will be a disaster and should be voted down.

Jim Rindal, 158 Mounds Blvd – Pays \$204 per year and will pay \$430 per year with new system. Currently he pays less for a 96 gallon container than he will for a 35 gallon container. He says no Administrative Fee will ever decrease. Very few people have real Christmas trees these days. The city tried this 30 years ago and it did not work. People should not have to cover the cost of others who dump their trash illegally. Where is the \$35-\$62 savings per household?

Ray Matter, 790 Brookline – Happy with current trash hauler

Beverly Petersen, 854 Lake Street – Opposed to one size fits all will not work for her. We have less trash than most people.

Tom Scaramuzzo, 1285 Arlington Ave – Supports Organized trash concept, the city needs it more than people understand. Illegal dumping is a problem and there are too many trucks in the alleys.

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

Christine Witzany

1040 MARGARET ST

Saint Paul, MN 55106

Council Member Prince,

I strongly urge you to vote against the city management of trash collection in our fair city. You and I exchanged emails about this some time ago, and you said you wanted to learn more about it. I trust you have come to the conclusion that this is a flawed concept. The St. Paul City Council should focus on its current responsibilities and forget this very bad idea.

Carolyn Carlson  
885 S. Winthrop St.

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I am adamantly opposed to this. As a 65 year old retiree, I have seen many government initiatives that under the guise of social reengineering strip us further and further away from our right to choose who, what, when, and how much. I've had enough and will never NEVER vote for any politician who supports this and will actively time and money to opposition.

Michael Lamphere  
32 KIPLING ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Tom Wentz, 1224 Margaret Street - Upset that his rates will increase with the new trash system. This is short notice between when the pricing was announced and the public hearing. He is for capitalism.

Mark, 1357 Reany – Happy with current hauler. Doesn't want to switch. It is un-American  
Dave Scullen, 1953 Parkland Ct. Opposed to government trash hauling  
Violet Ruth, 1725 Leone – Disagrees with trash take over  
William Whelan, 6<sup>th</sup> Street – The City is pricing us out of our homes. This is a terrible deal.  
Doris, 290 Burlington – Opposes city take over of trash hauling

Jane,

Hope all is well.

I just want to comment on the Garbage Hauling Proposal and the Use of Alarms Ordinance that are up for hearings today.

**FIRST**, I support the proposal for a garbage hauling city-wide system that is up for consideration. If I remember correctly St. Paul used to have a City operated system that was eliminated in favor of the system we currently have – it seems that the proposal can if properly overseen can offer the best of both the public and private systems.

**SECOND**, As someone who has an Alarm Permit for my home security system, I have no problem with the proposed increase in the basic fee going from \$28 to \$58, if I am reading the proposal correctly that the fee has not been raised since 1995.

I do however have an issue with the proposal: If the problem is the cost of false alarms, why are the fees for false alarms not be raised to a sufficient amount to recover the cost of that service?

The overall proposal seems to be poor public policy in two regards.

1] It is poor policy – let alone public policy- for the City to not have an automatic renew of the costs of this service on a regular basis – raising the fee only every 22 years is not good policy. I would suggest that the costs and fee structure be automatically reviewed at least every 3-5 years.

2] It also is poor policy that the fee structure for false alarms is not consummate with the cost of providing the service. The citizens of Saint Paul should not be subsidizing the cost of false alarms – as the service of responding to alarms is a service provided by the police to only folks that have an alarm system. It is an additional service beyond general police protection provided to all citizens, therefore it should be a self-sustaining service fully paid for through fees on false alarms. To continue the fee system, even with the increases continues this poor policy of citizens subsidizing this service to alarm permit holders.

Thanks for the opportunity to share my thoughts on these issues.

Eugene Piccolo  
Executive Director

MN Association of Charter Schools  
161 St. Anthony Ave. Suite 1000  
St. Paul, MN 55103

651.789.3090 Ext. 10  
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651.341.3390 Cell

From: Joel Jensen  
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:59 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Subject: garbage rates

Council member Thao,

I read that the city is considering unifying garbage. This is great. Every few years I shop around for services. last month I redid the garbage rates, and passed the findings to my neighbors.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1leORHWWhCPfM-v79zdJy4HrGriloARCtWIETJTq8I7Mk/edit#gid=0>

I used the list of haulers licensed in st paul, available on the city web site. and called each one for a quote. It took about 6 hours.

The sheet is based on my address 1077 portland ave, 55104.

I'm sending you the list so you can see the difference in charge from one hauler to the next, and have a better understanding of what is a fair charge. I've recently read that trash collectors aren't paid living wages.

I'm thinking that since:

- the haulers wouldn't be driving so much each day looking for trash,
- the collection would be more efficient, enabling more productivity for any particular truck.
- the efficiency would translate into higher profits for the haulers.

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- which in turn should be better wages for the collectors,
- while keeping rates low for the city.

However Im thinking that the city may get fleeced.

Please take this rate sheet as an example of the variance in cost from one hauler to the next.

Also It might be valuable to see how long the recycling takes to collect a full truck, My recycling is roughly the same quantity as my trash.

If Eureka says it collects 300 homes a day ( a guess ) and a trash hauler does 150 in the current piecemeal way, the level of savings due to efficiency could be estimated.

Also, the prices listed are tax included, final prices. The city charges 28 or so percent tax ( for environmental fees, etc ) , on top of the state sales tax.

Thanks

Joel Jensen  
10XX Portland Ave  
Saint Paul, MN 55104-7011

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From: BobKopf  
Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:44 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Subject: NO to organized trash collection  
Dai,

I am opposed to organized trash collection. I am very happy with my private contract hauler and wish to continue to contract on my own for trash removal. I view city collection as just the first step (or maybe one more step) in the city dictating how much trash I can generate from my property. This is not the city's job. And the more I generate the more the city benefits given the misguided purchase of the trash burner!

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Please vote against this. On this topic I am a single issue voter and will vote against anyone supporting organized collection.

Thanks

Bob Kopf

95X Ashland Ave, 950 Ashland Ave.

St Paul MN

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 2:38 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Kaonou Flood

90X LAUREL AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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Sent: Tuesday, April 04, 2017 10:51 PM

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Leng Yang

10XX STINSON ST

Saint Paul, MN 55103

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From: Thomas Broder

Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 7:42 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: In support of city garbage collection

I am writing to express my support for the city moving to organized garbage collection. I think it would be great to have garbage trucks on the block only one day out of the week and it would be nice to only see carts out on the sidewalk only one day a week. It seems as though this would also reduce wear & tear on our roads, be more environmentally friendly with fewer trucks driving the city each week and I hope it might reduce illegal

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dumping of garbage on roads like Pierce Butler. I think this would add greatly to the quality of life for those that live in St. Paul. I hope you will support this initiative.

Thomas Broder

10XX Blair avenue

St. Paul, MN 55104

(612) 990-0320

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Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 9:46 PM

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Monica Dobihal

12XX DAYTON AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 2:25 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Charles Kuhl

1XX WESTERN AVE N

Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From:

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 3:56 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

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I want to keep my hauler. They take things to the recovery center instead of landfill

Bev Hei

11XX ASHLAND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 5:23 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

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The recycling take over has been a major fail on my block. The service is unreliable at best and there are weeks

when it is not been picked up at all. Bins are overflowing and I find myself picking up other people's trash

almost daily. Please don't allow this to happen with trash as well. I smell socialism at its finest.

Pamela Birch

5XX SUMMIT AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From:

Sent: Thursday, April 06, 2017 4:18 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

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Deb Kuhl

16X WESTERN AVE N

Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From:

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:35 PM

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I am a renter who is required to pay EVERYTHING...water sewer elec...heat..and garbage. The city of st paul

will not tell me who I chose to pay my money to.. And furthermore unless the city is going to pick up

garbage.....free to the renter as Minneapolis does.....stay out of my pocket..

Roxane Holmes

40X LAFOND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55103

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From: Darius D. Massoudi [

Sent: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 9:02 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: Support for Organized Trash Collection Resolution

Hello,

I am a constituent and homeowner who lives at 1011 Stinson Street. I am writing to urge the councilmember to support Wednesday's proposed resolution which would allow the city to solicit bids for organized trash. I think the current trash companies' ad campaigns against this proposal are extremely misleading. A bid would allow for a "Plan B" in case the negotiations with the current garbage companies fail, and could potentially be far cheaper than the consortium approach. I want our city to put the interests of our citizens first, not the profits of the garbage companies.

I hope the councilmember casts a vote in favor of tomorrow's organized trash resolution.

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Sent: Monday, April 10, 2017 10:35 PM

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The fact that we have a choice of different garbage disposal companies in St. Paul is one of the benefits of living here. We are our own city and it's better to live here than in Minneapolis. We don't need to do things as they are done over there and I'm tired of seeing our great Capitol City slowly change to look like our lesser

Twin City where they do things with a lot less character and a lot less class.

Sincerely and respectfully, ----Mark Connor

Mark Connor

6XX LAUREL AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From: Amy Michael [

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 8:07 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: Organized Garbage Collection

Dear Councilmember Thao,

Please support the proposal for organized trash collection for St. Paul. I live in the Summit University

Neighborhood and believe that organized city trash collection as a city service would enable those who cannot

afford to pay for trash collection the ability to have their garbage picked up and would decrease the amount of

trash that gets dumped in other's bins and trash receptacles due to lack of service. It would also reduce the

number of trucks on the streets and alleys. I am really happy to hear that the city is considering this and really

hope that you support it. If you have any questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact me

Amy Michael

5XX Dayton Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55102

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-----Original Message-----

From: Patrice Tetta

Sent: Thursday, April 13, 2017 11:27 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: Trash collection

Dear Council Member Thao -

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Thank you for your service to our neighborhood. I live in Lex Ham and moved here two years ago. I am urging you to

support the consolidation of trash pickup in this city. I have lived in more than a dozen cities - big and small - across the

U.S. over the years (including Minneapolis) and trash collection was a city service. Saint Paul's current system is

antiquated, inconvenient, and unnecessary. (So is the "system" for alley plowing, which is also typically a city service, but

that's a topic for another day). If most American cities can figure out this issue I feel certain Saint Paul can. We need to

join the 21st Century.

Thanks for you time!

Patrice Tetta

12XX Summit Ave 55105

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From:

Sent: Monday, April 17, 2017 3:25 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: Trash Pickup Disaster

The Council's plan to change trash pickup is a disaster. Why do you insist that we, the taxpayers and voters in

St. Paul, should adhere to your dictatorship? This is not St. Moscow.

And why should we be shouldered with cost of services that we do not need or that we have to subsidize other neighborhoods? We're tired of all the new taxes and costs that you and the Council impose on us.

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Our taxes have risen many fold since we moved to St. Paul in the late '90s. We have downsized in order to cut our tax burden, but you keep increasing it with "services" that we do not need. And you want to me Mayor?

Daryl and Marilyn Natz  
4XX Ashland Ave.

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From: Michael E. Murphy  
Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:36 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Subject: Trash Collection

Dear Dai Thao -- As a long-time time residents of St. Paul and satisfied consumers of private trash hauling services, we urge you not to vote for any change resulting in the City taking over these services. Like Thomas Jefferson, we believe in the principle that the government that governs least governs best. Too much experience over the decades has taught us that creeping government growth only leads to more cost in return for lower quality. The City has all it can do to keep our streets repaired and safe. Stay focused on those fundamentals. We don't need trash encroachment! Put the City trash hauling proposal in the circular file! Thanks for considering this opinion, and we hope to hear back from you that you agree with us.

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From:  
Sent: Wednesday, April 05, 2017 9:46 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
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Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2017 11:39 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

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Barbara Fitzgerald

9XX MARION ST

Saint Paul, MN 55117

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From:

Sent: Sunday, May 07, 2017 10:25 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

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Bernard Gonzalez  
6XX SUMMIT AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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From:

Sent: Sunday, May 28, 2017 8:10 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

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Dear Mr. Thao,

More government control of private industry is not the answer and removes choice and responsibility from private citizens. Adding to government bureaucracy is an unnecessary and wasteful use of taxpayer money. I respectfully ask you not to support this initiative.

Sincerely,  
Kimberly Pizinger  
Kimberly Pizinger  
9XX PORTLAND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Friday, May 26, 2017 2:31 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram



Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Bill Holland

11XX ASHLAND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**From:**

**Sent:** Sunday, June 25, 2017 4:54 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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 neighborhood and resident. This constraining system will take choice away from homeowners, endangers companies' operations, and put employees out of work. Saint Paul should be focusing its time and energy on the skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs. Please listen to your constituents and stop this unnecessary government overreach. The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! I get that you are trying to reduce wear and year on roads but this approach is a concern to us. We had a service for a number of years and struggled to get them to address quality and safety issues and we finally changed service. Our current provider has provided excellent service based on our needs and we don't want to change. I cannot begin to imagine what would happen if we were assigned a provider and didn't have any leverage to get improved service. If problems arise, my guess is that the city staff will need to address them.

Nancy Conley

1XX MACKUBIN ST

Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From:

Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:08 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Free enterprise keeps prices low service up..this is not likely to occur should the govt get involved .... as Ronald Reagan said... "the worst thing you can hear is someone telling that he is from the government and us here to help you"

Michael Parush  
XX MACKUBIN ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From: None@none.com  
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 1:54 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Richard Kirscher  
6XX FRONT AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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From

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! Please STOP the city from grabbing more scope of work. The city can't successfully complete all the tasks it's trying to do now. The job of government is to do those things that cannot be done by the private sector. Clearly trash hauling is being done well by the free market. This is nothing more than a way to increase Bureaucracies and Taxes both should be avoided.

Joseph Wiese

7XX BLAIR AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 7:28 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Jostiene Windish

XX WINNIPEG AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55117

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From:

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:44 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time  
Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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Romayne Fricke  
3XX MARSHALL AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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From: Debbie Meister  
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:10 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Subject: Organized Trash Collection--2 Thumbs Up  
Hello Councilmember Thao,

We are pleased to hear that the City is near reaching an agreement with trash haulers for an organized trash collection system. We have been working on this issue since the 1980s and feel it is long overdue. Last evening we walked the alley to discover that there are at least eight different companies collecting trash (three neighbors did not have cans out, so there could be more than eight). Eight pickups each week is loud and disruptive, plus it greatly increases the wear and tear to the alley.

It is time to adopt an organized trash collection system in St. Paul. We urge you to support this!

Debbie Meister and Gene Christenson  
13XX Portland Ave  
Saint Paul, MN

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From:  
Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 6:20 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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But on garbage pick-up I have even more concern. I am a super-saver. I use very little, recycle and compost most of it. My little recycling cart fills up in about a month. My regular sized garbage can fills up in about 2 months. I have on-call pick-up with Highland. Therefore I pay \$20 per pick-up for a full garbage can rather than \$XX? per month for weekly pick-up of nearly empty cans. Don't you dare start making me pay for weekly pick-up! That is the opposite of what ought to be done. PLEASE have on-call pick-up, no matter what else you do.

Amy Anderson  
3XX AURORA AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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From:  
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:05 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time  
Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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Daniel Jambor  
15XX IGLEHART AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From:

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 3:07 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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If the City should do this please make sure it's the cost must be less than all what the private Co that a resident current have now, because now all resident tire of hight cost on garbage out there. please try to save your people money for living, not to try to find way to put biggest cost or collect money from your people or by used power to your resident because your are the boss or we voted you.. Thanks.

Carolyn T Yang  
10XX LAFOND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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From: Andrew Wagner

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:49 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1

Subject: Trash Collection

Councilman Thao,

Please oppose any effort to take over city trash services. I have zero complaints whatsoever about our trash collection and have never heard a single complaint by any of my St. Paul resident friends, colleagues, and neighbors. St. Paul has much bigger issues to worry about than trash collection. The system is not broken, nobody is asking you to fix it. Please leave it alone.

Thanks,

Andrew Wagner  
2XX Victoria Street N  
St. Paul, MN 55104

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Hi

I live at 5XX Portland Ave and am in your district. Please support organized trash collection.

Barbara Tretheway.

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**From:** Lara Christley  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:33 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
**Subject:** Garbage collection

Hello, hello!

I am unable to attend the meeting on garbage collection at city hall, but want to make sure you know how much I support a city wide collection process! This will make such a difference positive difference in our community.

Best regards,  
Lara Christley

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Phone Call 7/12 9:15 AM:

Therese Capistrant, 9XX Englewood – opposed to organized trash, says that the bulky item fee should be per use, they will never use so they'd be paying for a service they won't need; also should be a senior amount.

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7/12/17 2:00 PM

Greetings Councilman Thao,

As a resident of your ward, I would like to encourage you to support the organized trash collection contract currently up for consideration. My alley has a garbage truck nearly every morning which causes considerable wear and tear on the alley as well as wasting time, effort, and resources.

Thank you for your time.

- Jen

W1 Resident

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**From:** margjones128@gmail.com [mailto:margjones128@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:17 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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the skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs.

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I currently have Waste Management as my hauler... To my knowledge, they're the only ones who pick up and recycle yard waste. As I am semi disabled, I would be very disappointed if I couldn't keep them. St paul needs adequate green waste pickup...

Margaret Ridge

8XX LAFOND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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I seen the plan I'll have to pay 3x as much as am paying now. The City of St.Paul needs to stay of trash collection . Where I live The trash is picked up on Thursdays by 2 haulers only. So stop the BS that they are wrecking the streets and polluting the air. I don't want it and am not going to pay. I'll opt out of anyone picking up my trash . I can bring it to work and dump it my boss said.

thomas tehle

9XX PARK ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Hi...I live at 28 St Albans St N, which is part of the St. Albans Court Association (20 & 28 St. Albans St N). I have lived here since 1990. We have used, and want to continue using Kruppenny Trash Haulers. PLEASE allow them to continue as our trash/recycle hauling company. We have been extremely happy with their service for many, many years, and do not want anything to change.

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Dyan Matczynski

28 ST ALBANS ST N

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Vang pao Lee

8XX EDMUND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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Phone call 7/14 11:30 AM

Janet Smith, Ward 1 resident: vote against organized trash, not enough consideration given to different needs of resident, or the haulers either.

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Phone call 7/14 11:35 am:

Marilyn J Graeber, 2XX Front: Opposed to organized trash, she's had current hauler for years and likes them.

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Phone Call 7/17:  
Michelle Anderson  
8XX Holly

Called to state she is opposed to the organized trash collection

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Phone call 7/17/2017

Kustritz's  
3XX Summit Ave  
Woman called using the automated calling system to state that they are opposed to the garbage collection item.

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Socializing garbage collection is further proof of the idiocy of Saint Paul's corrupt left wing government machine. It despises free enterprise and market-based competition. It has created a government dependency. Next stop, Venezuela.

Larry Haeg

4XX PORTLAND AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55102

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After reading the pioneer press article this am I am appalled! My bill for three months now with Republic is 57.99 for three months. This includes 9.10 in a fee called environmental recovery, 11.79 in a charge called county environmental and 4.10 in waste management tax. The residential service for three months from the provider is just 11 dollars. The article lists that the fee I will be charged for the county service for my 65 gallon bin will be 29.76 per month and adds that there will be additional charge

of 52 dollars a year (4.30 a month) this means my garbage bill is increasing by 200% ! How is this good for citizens when it will mean that we seniors and those living on fixed incomes will be forking out three times what we pay today? I understand the arguments that have been made about wear and tear in roads, garbage being left in alleys etc but I really don't see how that extrapolates into having us who are responsible in our waste removal pay more for our removal.

It is my hope that you can fight for a better deal than the one listed in the paper today and that you can explain which of the fees and taxes listed in my Republic bill will be subsumed in the proposed new fees?

Thank you Judi Gordon 10XX thomas Ave.

If possible, I will attend tomorrow's hearing at 5:30

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Phone Call 7/18 2:20 PM:  
Patrick from 1516 Ashland

Opposed to organized trash – don't raise the price!

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VM from 1:00 Sat July 8<sup>th</sup>:

Tom –como park, SUPPORTS organized trash

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Phone call 7/18:  
Ted Johnson – 10XX Ashland

Opposed to organized trash

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Phone Call 7/17:  
Rick Bowden 6XX Fuller  
Opposed to organized trash. Uses Johnny Coolidge now, pays \$42/quarter now for smallest size.

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Phone Call 7/17:  
Charlie Hill 10XX Ashland

Retain individual's right to choose

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:04 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward1; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
**Subject:** Consolidated Trash Collection

To the members of the St. Paul City Council:

We write to you today with concerns regarding the city's attempts to standardize/consolidate residential garbage collection. While the original intent may have been noble, we're having trouble understanding how this is adding any discernable value to your constituents.

Based on an articles we have read in the Pioneer Press (in particular an article dated Sunday April 9), the execution of this initiative feels somewhat political (requiring trash haulers to allow/encourage unionization), as well as a veiled attempt to recover illegal dumping fees. Since as a council you can decide (or undecide/deprioritize) anything you wish, we'd appreciate your time and energy being spent elsewhere. We're not hearing any meaningful dialogue on how the city is trying to make St. Paul more business friendly to lower the revenue burden currently carried by homeowners. We've lived in our home in St. Paul for over 20 years, and in that time our property taxes have increased at a rate much higher than our home's value. Continuing to assume that we can shoulder a seemingly endless need for revenue is not sustainable.

Please abandon this trash hauling effort and focus on trying to help the folks in St. Paul who elected you to stay in their homes.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim & Gretchen Hoar

13XX Ashland

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Phone call 7/19 9:20 AM:

Barb Johnson 12XX Seminary – Opposed to organized trash; likes her current hauler. Doesn't want her prices to go up.

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Phone call 7/19 11 AM:

Wendy Wolfe

11XX Ashland

Doesn't want single service hauler

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Opposed to city's takeover of garbage collection. 100 percent against

Mary McGinn

11XX Portland Ave

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I do not have a garbage carrier therefore I do not have any monthly bills. I dispose of all my household trash using my own legal methods. I will not participate in any city wide system. If I am forced to, then I will consider a law suit.

Gregory W Crawford

6XXLAUREL AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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I am unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a recent total knee replacement surgery, but I do wish to voice my opinion on this issue.

I will be spending more money for garbage hauling if this issue is passed then what I pay now and why is there an annual fee along with it? To me this is not fair. I will have no option but to pay this and have to figure out how to come up with the extra money in order to pay this bill. As far as the yearly fee is concerned, what is this for? Where and what will this fee be used for? I think this is very unfair and leaves us residence with absolutely no other options. Thank you for your time.

Dee Walsh

From: Tom [<mailto:tgallig@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Trash proposal

We are strongly against the proposed trash proposal. We have had Ken Brequist & Sons since we moved back to St Paul in 1979 and they have been great, responsive and price sensitive.

Don't need the city involved!

Tom Galligan