

Jerry Connolly @ 1570 Grotto Street N (Ward 5) called to thank CM Bostrom for his rational thoughts and comments at the public hearing about organized trash. He suggests the city leave off the "3 bulk items" since not everybody needs that and it may be driving up the cost.

Roger Hallman @ 1281 Payne Ave read the Souchery article and said the \$52 admin fee is a stupid idea. He is on a fixed income. He also HATES the soccer stadium idea!!

Starla Bultinck @ 1087 Orange Ave opposes organized trash.

Orin Root @ 2125 Nebraska Ave E asks councilmembers to vote NO to organized trash.

Paula Root @ 2125 Nebraska Ave E says a government takeover of trash will raise the tax bill and it is NOT in our best interest.

Janet Mroszak @ 1946 Sherwood Ave opposes organized trash.

Barbara Phillip 735-0107 opposes a city-run takeover of garbage.

Laurie Kroger wants to keep her own garbage company and is asking councilmembers to reconsider this vote.

Dear Councilman Bostrom,

I am sending this message to support the effort to organize city-wide trash collection. I have seen how organized hauling brought down the prices in neighboring Maplewood. I see 4 to 5 trash hauling trucks in my neighborhood each week. The noise is undesirable, and I can only guess at the toll this takes on roads and alleys.

Thanks for your consideration,
Barb Haselbeck Barbara Haselbeck hasel007@comcast.net

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I moved to St paul because it wasnt the mob rule of Minneapolis. A one size fits all, FORCED take over is not the solution to the problem. Want proof it doesnt work? Come to my alley and compare my wonderful garbage service to the horribly loud, throw trash on the ground, leave cans in the middle of the street FORCED recycling service! Grown adults who are smart enough to figure out how to purchase a home can figure out their own trash service.

Amanda Lathrop Ael40@hotmail.com

1807 SHERWOOD AVE

I am for combine trash pick up. Reasons: only one truck going down the alley each week instead of six. It would also save on roads repair as theses are higher weighted vehicles. It would guarantee everyone garbage pick up instead garbage over flow and neighbors upset if use of another infill can. And it would reduce the dogs barking at all the trucks. I recently moved Houston Texas which only has one pick truck. Works just fine. They also have large recycle containers that picks up every two weeks. Lastly they have heavy hauling once a month picking things like refrigerators, furniture, etc....

Catherine Rodriguez retusps2012@outlook.com

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Please leave us alone if you are not helping to improve upon livelihood.

Max Cmo Maxcmo@hotmail.com

1486 MCAFEE ST

I noticed that there's an effort to stop the city from going through with its collective bargaining plan for waste services. I for one am completely in favor of the plan. The advertisement against it seems to be misleading people about how it works.

topherlude@gmail.com

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I feel costs are too high. Maintenance fee of \$52 for what? I can't see the city of St. Paul doing any maintenance on the trash containers. I share trash container with my neighbor and we split the cost. City of St. Paul doesn't even give us elderly a choice. It is unfair and NOT RIGHT! There has got to be a better way!

Thank you,

Donna Saumweber donnasaumweber8599@comcast.net

Nancy Finch @ 1067 Greenbrier called to say she cannot afford \$21/month plus \$52/each year. She takes her small amount of garbage to Twin Cities Refuge and is charged a very small fee there. She does not have city garbage now and doesn't want to be forced to use it!

She shared a heartfelt story from her youth about going to the Pigs Eye dump with her father to drop off their garbage each week. She enjoys having the choice to dispose of her garbage this way and would like to continue this and not be forced to pay for something she cannot afford because she is on a fixed income.

Anton @ 1977 Hawthorne Ave E called again this morning to thank CM Bostrom for his comments regarding Council needing more time to discuss pricing for Organized Trash.

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I am 100% against losing my right to decide who I want to hire to haul my trash. My monthly costs would increase 50% and I live on a fixed income. I would much rather you work on a plan to reduce the unbelievable number of school buses that come down my street everyday. That is a much larger problem than the half dozen garbage trucks that come down my alley once each week.

Michael Florin michael.florin@comcast.net

1084 GERANIUM AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Valerie Erickson @ 2206 Matterhorn called to express her opposition to organized trash. She feels it is taking her right to choose away and feels the Council is pushing it forward without listening to constituents.

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I'm opposed to the city/government involved in our trash removal. You are taking competition out of the market place. This system is not broken. Leave IT and US alone.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Mary Turner mary.turner@transportamerica.com

Marlene Hawkbind @ 1897 Hawthorne Ave E called to “complain bitterly” about the prices going up for organized trash. Right now she pays \$26.99/month and that includes all city and county taxes. 776-0883

Sharon Smith left a voicemail in support of Organized Trash. She is in favor of reducing the wear and tear on streets. There was no address given.

Sue & Chuck Burdi, 943 Benhill Road

Sue called to say that they recycle and share garbage collection with their neighbors. The Burdis do not want to pay a mandatory amount that they don't use. Also, they know a number of people who share.

Anonymous Male - 546 S Lexington

Left VM giving his address and calling re centralizing trash collection asking C/M Tolbert to not vote in favor of it.

From: Michelle Malone [mailto:mrmalone1962@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:07 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Hauling

I oppose this measure as it is clear to me that this decision was going to be made without informing homeowners in Saint Paul of what amounts to a significant change in the way we handle garbage hauling. No mailing was sent out to each homeowner (in their own language) detailing the specifics of this change and how it may affect them. That doesn't even take into account businesses, rental properties and churches. How does this affect them?

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

Michelle Malone
1729 Lafond Ave
55104

From: Tracyaschmitz87@gmail.com [mailto:Tracyaschmitz87@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:30 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Let us make our own decisions!! We are capable of choosing our own garbage company.

Tracy Schmitz

635 PASCAL ST S

Saint Paul, MN 55116

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I don't need nor want ANY city worker picking up my garbage. I've had multiple bad experiences with people who work for the City and I don't want any further contact if I can avoid it. Stay away from my property. Your help is not wanted!!!!

Cory Reiman

799 SNELLING AVE S

Saint Paul, MN 55116

SECOND RESPONSE FROM CORY REIMAN:

From: Cory Reiman [mailto:coryjohn@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 10:51 AM

To: Kelley, Pattie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Pattie,

How is it affordable when the prices your suggesting for garbage disposal is 25% or more higher than what I am paying now as well as not having access to yard waste pick up on a weekly basis? If Councilman Tolbert votes in favor of this "Cartel" approach to garbage removal in the City, I will have to push for him not being reelected in the next term. I guarantee the residents of Highland will NOT forget this all have to pay more and get less due to the City trying to strong arm it's citizens into compliance and create government jobs that are not needed for an issue that's a NON issue.

As I said before, this is NOT a concern for the city and let the free market decide it, not bureaucrats! If you're so concerned about the roads, I don't see you concerned about semi trucks going up and down Snelling Ave S and Montreal Ave day and night due to no decent transition from 35E to and/or from Interstate 94?

Also, why is there NOT a public hearing? What are you afraid of? I know there's overwhelming disapproval for this and I hope the Councilman knows this could very well cost him his job if it goes through. The Citizens of St. Paul are getting sick and tired of this Big Brother mentality with people whom are generally highly unqualified for their job and mostly incompetent working for the City and causing headaches and problems for the people who actually live here.

I can easily sell my home and move to a city that protects and considers my personal freedoms. I don't have to stay in St. Paul and you would lose a citizen that makes his neighborhood better and more inviting. I don't have to open my new business here next year either! I can vote and I can take my money and all my businesses elsewhere. I am not obligated to stay here and be screwed over by bad policy and inferior city services.

Stop this insanity and drop this issue. There's NOT a problem and you're only trying to create more government jobs! We need LESS government, not more!!

Cory Reiman

From: m99_123@hotmail.com [mailto:m99_123@hotmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 1:03 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Concern about Organized Trash Collection Rates & Rules

Dear Mr. Tolbert:

I am a resident of Ward 3 and would like to relate my concerns with the effort towards organized trash collection. Overall, I think it is a good idea for the City; however, there are some areas I ask that you address.

We own (and live in) our Highland duplex, renting out the other side. We have the smallest trash bin from our hauler and, together with our tenant, do not even fill this bin one-fourth of the way full each week. Our trash disposal costs \$75 per quarter (\$25 per month) for BOTH addresses. This is because we (and our tenant) are environmentally conscious. We recycle, we compost, and we make purchasing decisions with the earth in mind. We do NOT dispose of "bulkies" -- not in the six years we've lived here. We are concerned about the possible elimination of the option to share garbage disposal that is currently allowed by city ordinance. Not only would the proposed rates, when added to the "annual administrative fee," be a HUGE increase over what we pay now, but if the sharing option is eliminated our costs will almost TRIPLE.

We find this cost increase unacceptable, especially considering the property tax increases we are facing at the same time. It feels as though we are being punished for being environmentally sensitive and we object to subsidizing, through our garbage rates, people who live a throwaway lifestyle.

We beg the city to require that residents pay to dispose of their OWN "bulkies," and allow sharing of garbage services. If illegal dumping is a problem in the City, the City should find another way to address it other than requiring property owners to pay for the disposal of other people's garbage.

We are actually almost ready to leave Highland Park over this and other issues with City services (or lack thereof,) and taxation. Which is too bad, because I believe we are the kind of people that you wish to keep in Ward 3.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Martha S.

Highland Park Resident

From: gtskendi@msn.com [mailto:gtskendi@msn.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 4:57 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Gladys Torres-Skendi

346 SARATOGA ST S

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: dougol47@msn.com [mailto:dougol47@msn.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 5:07 PM

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The city got out of garbage collection years ago. Leave it to private haulers. Besides \$52 per house to manage what? All it is another way for the council and Mayor to get more money to spend. How about having the city audited and see where money can be saved from non essential dept can be cut back to save money. Or better yet give us a balanced budget with out increasing spending.

Douglas Olson

2114 JAMES AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Andrew [mailto:lars1074@umn.edu]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:05 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Support Organized Trash Collection
Dear Councilman Tolbert,
Please support the agreement for organized trash collection in St. Paul.
Sincerely,
Andrew Larson
Bridget Love
1701 Juliet Avenue

From: msimmons@visi.com [mailto:msimmons@visi.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:31 AM
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Put this proposal in the Garbage and leave things the way they are. You call this a solution, I call it another burden on the taxpayers.
Michael Simmons
1244 FAIRMOUNT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: mjlevitt1@gmail.com [mailto:mjlevitt1@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:45 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
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Mary Jeanne Levitt
1999 WELLESLEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: psmcguire57@gmail.com [mailto:psmcguire57@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:56 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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This is just another foolish idea. Stop the madness. We can decide what is best. The city has time and time again shown their incompetence

Pst McGuire

467 MOUNT CURVE BLVD
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:03 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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Dude...this is 100.00 more per year than I am currently paying. And with the added fee its 150.00. I currently pay by the year to save money. Holy crap! STAY THE HELL OUT OF MY TRASH!

Darlene Aliperto

2111 NILES AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55116

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

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:36 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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Already prices going up, no completion, small businesses(independent haulers) being squeezed out.

None of this looks good for our community. As in the tear downs middle class getting pushed out of our neighborhood. We need the mix to stay healthy.

Pat Galligan

1830 BERKELEY AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: L S [mailto:roryemi@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:35 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; war2@ci.stpaul.mn.us; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7; *CI-StPaul_Mayor

Cc: Lynn Seep

Subject: Garbage Fees

Dear Mayor Coleman, Ward 3 Council Representative Tolbert , and City Council members, With the new proposal of garbage hauling fees set forth by the City of St Paul, my garbage fees will increase over 150% for the year under the proposed City agreement with garbage haulers. Based on my current bill and what is being proposed by the city, I will pay nearly triple of my current bill. I am in disbelief that the city has negotiated an imbalance of fees on the residents of St Paul . The economics of this plan may be beneficial to garbage haulers but an unnecessary burden to property owners. The reported impetus for change in trash hauling was to reduce the road wear of alleys and streets by the multiple garbage haulers. Based on the fees proposed for organized garbage hauling in the city of St Paul to reduce road maintenance, I will be effectively increasing my row and street maintenance fees/taxes over 100%.

Please go back to the table with the 14 garbage haulers and renegotiate on behalf of the property owners so that we are not burdened with a triple increase of fees.

I am interested in the hearing from the city council members the explanation or reasoning for the increase of garbage hauling fees. Please help me understand the benefit for the residents of St Paul.

Regards,
Lynn Seep

From: Richard Rodgers [mailto:rodgersmn@comcast.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 9:52 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: trash hauling

Chris,

I read through the proposed trash collection proposal and like what I read.

One question; what does "walk up service provided to elderly"?

Richard Rodgers

1772 James Ave

St. Paul, MN 55105

651-334-1629

From: John Hesterberg [mailto:jhesterberg@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:01 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: please approve Organized Trash Collection

Council Member Tolbert,

I live in Ward 3, and would like to express that I am **STRONGLY** in favor of organized trash collection. I have wondered for years why Saint Paul did not have this, it is such an obviously better solution than what we have today. There may be a few vocal residents that prefer the current chaos, but organized trash collection is clearly a better solution for Saint Paul in many different ways. It will overall be lower cost, better for the environment, less wear on our streets and alleys, fewer big noisy trucks driving around our city, lead to less unauthorized dumping, more efficient for haulers, and more convenient for residents.

Please approve organized trash collection!!!

Thank you,

John Hesterberg

1516 Lincoln Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55105

jhesterberg@gmail.com

651-206-7950

From: Cathy Connett [mailto:cconnett@corconnections.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 11:56 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Vote No on the Proposal for City Control of Trash Hauling

Chris,

I am writing to let you know that I am totally against this whole process of the City of St Paul's involvement in the trash hauling process. While there are certain areas such as education or transportation where it makes sense for the government to provide services, trash hauling is not such an area.

My points are:

- I do not have 15 haulers in my alley... maybe 5 and that is because the large corporations came in about 20 years ago and "bought" their way in to the market by offering low priced hauling. This is how a free market works. The large companies are now no cheaper than the other providers.
- I chose to stay with my local small provider then because they provided good service and I wanted to support the local, family- owned business. Frankly, it is in these small businesses that model good citizenship and expect it of their employees (both at work and outside of work)..... the large bureaucratic operations (including the City) often do much less to model good citizenship.
- At times, I have shared service with an elderly neighbor because neither one of us produced much trash..... this is not an option in the new proposed system.
- The free market makes these haulers have to compete and attract customers, a regulated system does not do this..... and prices will rise.
- I have no interest in paying the city an "administrative" fee of \$52/ year related to trash hauling..... for what I am not sure. Plus, why need an "administrative" fee if you are still having private businesses provide the services. Many of us have existing containers, either self-purchased or provided by the hauler, so why not utilize those?
- In a free market, which is what the US is supposed to espouse, the City has no business forcing businesses to pay a specified wage or otherwise define their business model. The marketplace will force the most efficient, cost effective solutions.
- The excuse that this is to help take care of bad actors who dump trash ,etc. is lame. We should be teaching citizens responsibility not by covering for their bad acts and having the rest of us pay for it. I just returned from a quick trip to Canada.... I was surprised to see the cleanliness and a wide variety of well-behaved citizens, i.e. , following the speed limit, not dumping trash out the window or on the street, etc. This was not because I saw lots of "policing" entities. Let's work on our attitudes and responsibility instead of using the government to cover for bad behavior.
- Over a year of the city's staff and the business's staff has been consumed by this ill-advised effort. What if those dollars had been put to more productive use to teach people the behaviors associated with responsible citizenship?

A lot of time and money has been wasted by all parties working on an issue that is not a "problem" that needs to be solved by government. Let's put a stop to this inefficient and ineffective effort to meddle in business's private operations in a competitive marketplace.

Cathy Connett

Ward 3 Citizen

From: Linda MacAfee [mailto:ldmacaf@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 12:18 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Yes to Organized Trash collection

Mr. Tolbert,

Please vote Yes for Organized Trash collection!

Multiple trash haulers is a wasteful use of fuel and is damaging our alleys.

Thank you,

Linda MacAfee

436 Woodlawn

St Paul 55105

From: ben@olinconstruction.com [mailto:ben@olinconstruction.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 2:14 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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Stay out of my trash! There's no way I'm paying an extra 52\$ a year for you to fix something that's not broken.

Ben Olin

1459 PALACE AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: c.vitek@comcast.net [mailto:c.vitek@comcast.net]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 3:29 PM

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Carol Vitek
1754 WELLESLEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: susan.gangl@gmail.com [mailto:susan.gangl@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:05 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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I am SO angry about this proposed change that will raise fees and deteriorate services (yes, I've checked the numbers and it's bad. That's on top of other city fees that going up a terribly high amount.) This is NOT what many of us want and to have garbage sitting around for two weeks is going to be smelly and invite rodents. I cannot believe what a bad decision this is.

Susan Gangl Gangl
2143 JAMES AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Steveb1629@gmail.com [mailto:Steveb1629@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:35 PM

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Council Member Tolbert, The \$52 administrative fee is a disgusting money grab by the city. There is absolutely no reason for it to be that high.

Steve Bott
1232 BAYARD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55116

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

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:44 PM

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Please STOP digging in our garbage!

Beth Tolaas
1402 WELLESLEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: matthew pflugi [mailto:matt.qds@live.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 1:51 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: COORDINATED TRASH COLLECTION

Council Member Tolbert,

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

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

The issue of rates was brought up with a comparison to Maplewood. Maplewood was taken away from the independents on a low ball bid by a national company (the lowest rate in the state). The same

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

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

Thank you,
Matt

From: amriley5710@gmail.com [mailto:amriley5710@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 3:34 PM

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My husband and I are both retired. Our house taxes are over \$8000 and keep going up. Since the very large Eureka recycling trucks, with pickup arms on only one side, have to make two trips down each alley, we are getting potholes now that match the ones in the street. Who is responsible for fixing those when the street ones get bigger and bigger? I have called in to report potholes when delivering Meals on Wheels and it took 8 months to have them filled. We organized our alley and have Berquist poking up at least 75% of our alley. For a 35 gal can we pay \$62.02 every 3 months. So under the city's plan, we will be paying more. We do not want to change to a city managed plan.

Annie Riley

1488 GOODRICH AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Sheila Sweeney [mailto:sheilasweeney@mac.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:18 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1; #CI-StPaul_Ward2; #CI-StPaul_Ward3; #CI-StPaul_Ward4; #CI-

StPaul_Ward5; #CI-StPaul_Ward6; #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: organized trash collection

Dear Council Members,

I have greatly appreciated your vote to authorize the process of organizing trash hauling in St Paul and I am incredibly grateful to City staff for their efforts on our behalf to make that happen. I would like to express my thoughts regarding the proposed agreement for organized trash collection in St Paul. I served as a member of the Macalester Groveland Community Council for six years. During that time I met with many of you or your representatives to address the Community Councils effort to study the current system and propose another possibility. I also facilitated the community conversations held by the Community Council which included conversations with hundreds of people as well as two meetings with the haulers. And I interviewed representatives of other cities who have organized systems. I was part of a team of volunteers who poured through our survey data and had input on the writing the final report. So many of my thoughts are based on those findings.

I am strongly in favor of organized trash collection and the proposed plan accomplishes many of the things that I believe will lead to a successful change to the current system.

It includes the removal of several bulky items each year from residences which hopefully will lead to less illegal dumping. It sets up a good system to handle customer service and billing throughout the City. There should be greatly reduced truck traffic - meaning less air pollution, less use of fossil fuels and less wear and tear on City streets and alleys. Rates will be uniform throughout the City taking away the need to bargain for the best rate from various haulers, which I heard often from fellow citizens was confusing and time consuming. And the wage standards are admirable as well, allowing workers a good wage for difficult work.

One of the things I heard most often from my fellow residents is not truly addressed in the new proposal and that is differential pricing that rewards those who recycle, compost and just simply reduce waste. A difference of \$7.15 per month between a 32 gallon container and one three times its' size does not encourage residents to reduce and recycle more. Those who have shared service in the past will no longer have that option. The option of bi-weekly service is available for only \$10 less a month than a behemoth cart of 95 gallons! I hate to say it, but that is truly disappointing and almost laughable. I understand that the haulers have no incentive to induce customers to reduce, but I truly believed the City saw that as a priority. As I listened to those who spoke against the proposed plan at Wednesday's City Council meeting, I heard many speak of exactly this issue. For those who have been responsible; taken the time to recycle, compost and shop differently, those who have worked hard to reduce and/or live on a fixed budget these are not the prices they were hoping for. It appears to penalize them instead of reward them for their efforts.

I still strongly support an organized system. If this is indeed the seventh and final offer from the haulers, I hope that something will be built in to sharply reduce the rate of the smaller and bi-weekly service containers each year throughout the contract. I appreciate your willingness to read and consider my thoughts.

Best regards,

sheila sweeney

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1559 fairmount avenue

st paul, mn 55105

sheilasweeney@mac.com

651-696-1176

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

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:16 PM

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I DON'T throw couches to the curb. We have done all the things you purport to do at a lower cost. Leave trash collection to us people and the professionals, please.

Walter Doehne

1577 FAIRMOUNT AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: ROGER OLSON [mailto:murielsolson@yahoo.com]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:52 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash Collection

Dear Councilman Tolbert:

Thanks for all the work the council is doing regarding trash collection. I am happy that all the haulers will continue and would hope that routes would be worked out to their satisfaction.

I have mixed feelings about the city taking over trash collection; And think that leaving the process in the hands of private businesses would be better

In looking over the fees, It appears with the \$52 administrative fee - my cost will be more than I am paying now unless I go to every other week collection. Without the fee, the cost will be about the same with weekly collection.

I am not sure what the purpose of the administrative fee is.

Sincerely,

Muriel S. Olson,

1911 Palace Ave., St. Paul, 55105

Mary Barrett – 1290 Jefferson

Left VM – Does not want rates to go up and wants to be able to choose her own hauler.

Lynn Schulte – 2270 St Clair

Left VM – Is opposed to proposal.

Barbara ? –

Left VM – Vote no; opposes proposal

Mary Ann Nash – 2180 Eleanor

Left VM – Does not want City to take over trash hauling

St Paul City Council,

I am glad you decided to wait another week to vote on this. I initially had little positive comments regarding the proposal before the full details come out recently, but after seeing the costs associated with it - I am absolutely against it.

My rates would more than double. I pay just under \$14/mo for the smallest bin (35 gal) and I have 1-2 bags each week. It's always 2 bags when I pick up trash along our alley and around our block, and our family does that every so often.

Who is getting the savings? If people want to save - they can shop around.

We moved here 2-1/2 yrs ago and that is exactly what I did.

We have never had the need for disposing of large items, and do not intend to. That is almost encouraging people to throw away more items. We take our compost multiple times a week and the brush/leaves that we pick up out of the street when we clean the drains (through the adopt-a-drain program) on our street in the Payne-Phalen area.

I think many residents do more than their share for the city as it stands and does not need the City for this 'improvement'.

Reducing the wear and tear on the alleys is a legitimate savings, but has it been passed down in the cost? Were reductions on the current road maintenance costs also made?

I also do not understand the high (\$52) yearly admin cost. A breakdown of that would be helpful, but still unlikely to change my mind. Even without that yearly cost - my rates would go up 175%.

Please listen to your residents and vote no on this.

Thank you,

Brian Guzik

St. Paul resident

I have reviewed the agreed upon proposal cost in the Coordinated Collection The cost for the services I need is way too high. I live alone and have very little trash maybe 1 kitchen bag per week. I don't need yard waste nor

do I need the large item collection. I am on a FIXED income and cannot afford this increase in garbage collection rates! Frankly I am tired of the government picking my pockets "for the good of the community" give me a break! Someone's pockets are sure going to lined by this indecent proposal! Fuel savings for haulers should be a significant savings since they would have fewer miles to drive in a consolidated area. I would think you could get a lower bid that does not include a \$52 ADMIN FEE... I would welcome Coordinated collection if it would impact my budget in a positive way.

Sincerely,
Theresa Basting

Dear Council Members,

I support the Organized Trash Collection initiative. Organized trash collection is more efficient, more environmentally sustainable, and more equitable for all residents. As currently planned this plan would save me \$5.80 a month (\$69.95) a year, while adding the benefit of disposing of bulk items.

Our existing open system is touted to be a free market solution, but truly free markets allow both buyers and sellers to understand what they are getting and for what price. Under the open system Saint Paul haulers had an unfair advantage over the public since residents faced opaque pricing, high switching costs, and stealthy price increases. Residents who wished to take advantage of the market by comparing prices and services had to make numerous phone calls to collect and compare various apples-to-oranges terms and prices, all to save perhaps \$10 a month. Some people may feel that was worth it, but it's definitely not worth my time, and is totally unfair to the many residents without the time, skills, and ability to negotiate for a low-cost commodity service. In effect the people with the least time and money were subsidizing trash collection for penny-pinchers.

I do wish the plan addressed yard waste pickup. I was separately paying \$102 a year for weekly yard waste pickup, and it will be inconvenient to separately contract that service, if I can still do so economically. Also, while I understand Saint Paul's desire to support smaller haulers and am OK paying a bit more to keep the local haulers in business, I believe that we could save residents even more money by putting the whole process out to bid. The solution the city has developed is probably the best one overall, but if residents continue to express concerns about price, a citywide bid should be considered.

Thank you,
Kevin Gallatin

Good day,

I have reviewed the agreed upon proposal cost matrices in the Coordinated Collection by the Numbers and find that the **tax** on the small every-other-week proposal is more than I pay for dropping off my single trash bag once a month. My small household has a small income that matches my waste.

If this proposal (\$25.49) is just for garbage, it is way too high. Fuel savings for haulers should be a significant savings since they would have fewer miles to drive in a consolidated area.

Consolidated pick up in Seattle was \$28.90 for all of my stuff - yard and kitchen waste, recycling and garbage: <http://www.seattle.gov/util/MyServices/Garbage/HouseResidentsGarbage/slider/index.htm>

Further negotiations are in order.
Vicki Baucom

I missed the meeting you just had due to personal reasons but I did want to put my two cents in.

I live at 650 Simon Ave. I have not had garbage pick up for 3 years now. I can take a 30 gallon bag over to Advance Hauling site for \$4.20 every 6 to 8 weeks. I recycle what I can and I take my organics to the animal shelter to drop off for recycling. I am 70 years old and don't need walk up service. Now you want to tell me I am going to have a yearly service fee and a monthly fee for something I don't even need! I am on a fixed income and don't appreciate you telling me I need to spend money I don't have. Shame on you!!!

Sounds like you would like to see the seniors sell their homes and move out of here.

Margaret Tokar

Our household in Saint Anthony Park strongly supports the Coordinated Collection Plan. There are currently too many garbage trucks driving through our neighborhood creating noise, pollution, and safety issues for all of the young children. We appreciate your hard work to put this plan in place.

Michael and Tricia Noble-Olson
2089 Commonwealth Avenue

I'm sorry but I'm not happy with this plan, first off is this even legal only offering one company to all (as in one size fits all involved) I love the company I have now EMC does a great job there prices are lower than all the rest I pay about \$48 every 2 months and when you're on a fixed income that means a lot. I personally can't afford the type of increase this plan has. Please please rethink this plan.

One size does not fit all. Maria, Conway neighborhood of St Paul mn

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

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

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

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

April Aegerter

To whom it may concern,

As a homeowner in St Paul I have a major problem with your forced city wide trash collection idea.

First of all it is much more expensive than what I pay now. To me this is just a way for the city to make more money from it's tax payers by collecting a fee. Since the previous fee system was deemed illegal. Since I bought my house in 2013 my taxes have increased over \$1,000 dollars in just a 4 year span without having any street improvements. Now you want to take away our bargaining rights when it comes to trash collection. This council needs to get it together and stop taxing us to death. The community I live in is mostly working class homes and you are pricing people out of them by raising taxes to an insane amount and now forcing each household to pay for trash collection at a much higher rate than what they can get it for on the open market, and on top it off by adding a another fee to it.

I adamantly oppose this plan! Can you explain to me why is this not up for a vote. There is absolutely no way that the city council should be allowed to make this decision. This should be on the ballet and voted on!

Candace Nelson
779 Jefferson Avenue

From: CYNTHIA PASIUK [<mailto:cindypasiuk@msn.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:22 PM
To: Renstrom, Scott (CI-StPaul)
Subject: Garbage pick-up proposal

Hi Scott,

Would you please send my comments to Dan. I don't trust sending it through the First Choice group, as you never know where that's going to end up. Thanks, Cindy

Dan,

I know better than to think that you're promoting this garbage- gauging plan.

The present container is 64 gal. at just under \$13.00/month. This proposal would add approximately \$16 more/month PLUS another \$50 plus dollars for a yearly fee. Please stop whomever dreamed-up this plan from pushing it any further! Obviously, some of the council members think that we're all rich & living on Summit Av. or in Highland Pk. Tooooo much government control!!! Concentrate on providing enough police & fire personnel, crime prevention, (so much overgrowth & junk in the alleys).

We on the Eastside are obviously consider so insignificant, that they want to move our Ice Palace moment to an already crowded downtown park. ENOUGH! Thanks, Cindy

The information presented in the newspapers did not address yard waste collection. Will the option for yard waste collection be available through the coordinated garbage collection plan or will homeowners need to arrange pickup.

Bonnie Walbruch

Phone messages:

- An East Side resident would like to be allowed to choose her trash hauler. She had a bad experience with a hauler about 15 years ago and appreciates the opportunity to choose.

- Mac Groveland resident would like to see the trash hauling issue to put to the residents for a vote. Rather than having the decision made for them. She likes the environmental plusses of coordinated a collection but doesn't like lack of choice.
- Ward 1 resident is opposed to one size fits all.
- Kathryn Jenkins on Cottage Avenue in Ward 5 opposes a City take-over of trash hauling. She is retired and can't afford another \$20/month.
- Ward 5 resident on Idaho Avenue West has had his hauler (Gene's) for 30 years and wants to keep them. Having 1 – 3 haulers is communist.

Nolan?

Left VM re trash hauler proposal – More expensive than what he's paying now;
ALSO RE: Ford – just reading about 7,000 new residents and he's very concerned. What does C/M Tolbert stand?

Tom – 1769 Wellesley –

Left VM - Opposed to government taking over trash haulers; agrees things could be better but the cost is too much. Make it more flexible – he is free to choose whoever he wants to be his hauler.

Mark O'Connell –

Left VM - He splits is trash with three other neighbors and it costs him \$5.00/month. The city is grabbing for money just like they did when they wanted parking meters on Grand Avenue.

Sharon Cohan – 1761 Saunders

Left VM – opposed to garbage take over by city; will raise prices on top of \$56 maintenance fee – ridiculous as what maintenance is needed?

David Hughley –

Left VM urging C/M Tolbert to vote against proposal.

Suzanne Rosenbloom – 2008 Villard Ave

Left VM - She opposed city taking over garbage and wants to choose her own hauler.

Michael Danielson, 1464 Summit Avenue, 651-324-5078

Danielson wanted to cast his opposition to the City taking over the garbage and recycling program. He has been a City resident over 38 years and can't believe the City is trying to do this.

Dennis Johnson, 1007 Fairview Avenue South
He is against the government take-over of garbage collection

Helen Vogel, 2121 James Avenue
Vogel is calling because she got a recorded message: she is opposing the garbage collection.

Jean Charles, 1202 Edgcumbe, 651-698-3088
Charles is opposing the trash collection. She would like to choose her trash hauler.

Gloria McGree, 1600 Arundel Avenue #212
McGee is opposing the City taking over garbage collection.

Constance Tuck Brown, 2100 Niles Avenue
Brown is represented by Tolbert. She is opposed to the current plan for garbage collection.

Kevin Scoles, 9 George, 651-227-5952
Scoles would like to have a free market on garbage collection and not have a monopoly.

Renee Olsen, 413 Wymong Street East, 612-554-2463
Olsen does not want the option taking away of picking her own garbage company.

Susie Buckman, 273 Wymong Street East, 651-222-4162
Buckman is not for the City garbage collection.

Mary Barry, 900 Fairmount Avenue, 651-222-4922
Mary Barry opposes the garbage collection law. She feels that the garbage companies should be able to do what they want.

Ken and Kay Prom, 847 Menomin, 651-228-1159
The Proms are opposed to St. Paul taking over garbage collection. They would like to continue to have choices.

From: nancy demko [mailto:nancydemko@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:17 AM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Subject: Coordinated Trash Collection

Hello,

This email is my comment /input that I want to see the existing trash collection services in St. Paul to remain the way they are.

The 5 and 7 year contract proposed numbers leave a lot to be desired in terms of realistic assumptions, calculations, and objectives. Saving an estimated \$35 a year is not a significant enough savings to embark on this labor intensive effort of meetings and discussions and scenarios with trash haulers. And \$1.99 for bulky items?? That is not a realistic number for one year let alone 5 or 7. Billing for \$1.99? Again, not realistic. Yard waste "subscription" fee? What is that and is this optional? How exactly will all these numbers be tracked and measured over time? Who is doing that? The city? That means my taxes are being spent on this and I can think of many other uses for my tax dollars.

Newspaper articles indicate the city has demanded very thin profit margins from the trash haulers - if this is true, the effect will be to drive many of them out of business - is that an objective? What is the city going to do to ensure ALL the current existing trash haulers stay in business at current levels? Where and how will that be tracked and measured? Also an account of a \$52 annual assessed fee on every homeowner/ address does not seem to be represented in the 5 and 7 year proposed numbers. Where are all the TRUE costs?

Also, partnering with neighbors and sharing costs, and the ability to opt out of trash collection are valuable options with today's services that apparently would go away with coordinated collection. This would be INCREASING the costs to many seniors, small households, and high composting/low trash households. Where are those costs and impacts to residents in the 5 and 7 year proposals?

I would prefer the city staff spends it's time and effort on more high impact/ high return initiatives that wouldn't cause businesses to go out of business, and force many many neighbors to start having a service they don't want and that would increase their costs.

From: Rose, Cheryl [mailto:Cheryl.Rose@securian.com]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:33 PM
To: *CI-StPaul_Contact-Council
Cc: Cheryl Rose; ping210@yahoo.com
Subject: Coordinated Garbage Collection - NOT IN FAVOR

Hello,

My husband and I were not able to attend the public hearing regarding Coordinated Garbage Collection. However, we would like to express our opinion regarding the proposed resolution – **we are NOT in favor of this proposal as it stands.**

We currently share garbage service with our neighbor. We enjoy excellent service at a competitive cost - \$21 total cost (\$10.50 per household) for a 65-gallon container – that we were able to negotiate in the current open market system.

Here are some of the concerns we have with the current resolution:

- The cost of the new Coordinated Collection service is far more expensive!

- Why would we pay additionally for Christmas tree removal, when we can already drop our tree off at the local compost site for free?
- Why do we need to pay an extra \$52 on our property taxes when the garbage companies are handling the monthly billing?
- What are you planning to do with all the existing garbage bins? I certainly hope they will not go to waste.
- If you are trying to tackle the issue of large garbage items left randomly around the city, the solution needs to be affordable, convenient and easy for people. This resolution does none of that.

Instead of limiting the service to pick-up of only three items per year, why couldn't the city offer a Spring Clean-up Day every year – where items can be left on the boulevard and the garbage haulers (or the city) come and pick it up (for free). We have lived in other cities that offered that opportunity – it garnered great participation and cleaned up the city beautifully.

I'm guessing the problem areas experiencing garbage dumping may be low-income regions? Do you really think these individuals are going to pay their garbage bill on time, if at all? Do they even own property? How is adding this "service" to property owners going to solve the issue of the garbage dumpers, who likely don't even have any skin in the game?

In addition, we view this type of mandatory citywide resolution as a regressive tax that is not equitable across income brackets. I love St. Paul and have lived here most of my life. Unfortunately, it's getting too expensive to live here – and even more so if this resolution is passed.

Please do not pass this resolution, thereby eliminating our freedom of personal choice and free market competition – which yields good service and competitive pricing. This after all, is the bedrock America was founded upon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my husband or me.

Thank you,

Cheryl and Mark Rose
651-338-0558

From: springmire@comcast.net

Date: July 23, 2017 at 4:36:46 PM CDT

To: chris.coleman@ci.stpaul.mn.us

Subject: Opposition for proposed trash hauling scheme

Late last week I wrote to Councilman Stark regarding my opposition to the proposed consolidation to trash hauling in Saint Paul. I am part of a local social network (Nextdoor) that has raised my awareness of the issue. Mr. Stark does not have a reputation for responding cogently to citizens so I decided to express my concerns to you also.

I am opposed to the proposed trash hauling organization in Saint Paul for these listed reasons:

- By prohibiting sharing, the city is adding a burden to our senior citizens and others living on disability or a low income to pay for services not used or needed. This could make keeping their homes even more difficult. Or does this group of people not matter to the City Council?
- Has the City Council considered the many senior citizens and individuals who have, by purchase choices, recycling and composting (all stated to be a goal of the City!) have reduced trash to less than a waste bag per week? Under this proposal, they would be forced to 'subsidize' others who do not bother to compost or recycle.
- The city used to be in the rubbish business. The city quit because it did not want to pay the expenses of doing the job. What has changed to make the rubbish business profitable for the city now?
- This seems to be an added tax in the form of fees that creates an additional layer of bureaucracy to be administered. How can the city afford this when recreation centers have been cut back, parklands are mowed less, and city streets need repair?
- Rents are bound to increase as landlords pass the \$52 annual fee on to tenants.
- How are the business who will be picking up our trash going to be able to grow their businesses in Saint Paul? You are eliminating competition, one of the foundations of capitalism.

Please justify this change and communicate to all citizens of Saint Paul.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Dont change keep the system the way it is.

Alee Yang alee801@hotmail.com

1232 ETNA ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Nou Fang fang0138@gmail.com

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I want the freedom of choice. I feel unless the garbage collection is part of our yearly, existing taxes, with no further charge, that it is not acceptable. The city does not take care of or plow our alleys, does not plow or salt our streets adequately, so how can I believe that they will pick up our trash adequately or timely. I seriously do not know what we pay for sometimes....i am not for city collection.

Lara Carson Ljcarson@msn.com

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Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Leave trash collection alone I would believe we have more important issues in our city than who picks up the garbage and on what day and fire the idiot who thought a one lane Maryland ave was a smart idea

Roger Nieland Nielandrog@comcast.net

1389 AMES AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

I'm no Edward Lotterman but I think basic economics would dictate that the price of trash hauling would go down, not up, with the new system. Admin fee? I don't think so!

Terry Rickel Terry Rickel trickel1@outlook.com
1802 Sherwood Ave.

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This crazy idea is going to double our rate and add to our property tax. I just retired from Ramsey Co - we cannot afford this.

Peggy Telin peggytelin@gmail.com

835 MAGNOLIA AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Ray Ogren rayogren@comcast.net

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Dear Council Member Bostrom and Staff,

I attended the meeting on Wednesday and **appreciated your statement asking to delay the vote on organized collection. I attended to show my presence in opposition, which I'll cite for several reasons.** My hope in writing this letter is that you'll continue to listen to residents of St. Paul and what their concerns are, and **consider abandoning or changing significantly this plan for organized collection.**

Firstly, in past conversations calling Council Member Thao's office (my ward, as I live in Lex Ham), I've been told my aides that organized collection "is a done deal. It's not IF it's passing, it's WHEN". That concerns me because **public input was not even given until last Wednesday, when apparently the council was set to vote. Is that how issues that**

will increase our taxes and affect our choice get decided, when the council has already agreed about their stance on the issue? Again, I appreciate your willingness to think this matter through with more time.

Secondly, I express my "if it's not broke, don't fix it" sentiment expressed by others who spoke on Wednesday. **This is NOT an issue that has been expressed strongly by members of my block or immediate neighborhood.** We enjoy our current haulers, the right to choose, and to change business if our needs aren't being met. I'm concerned about what residents will be able to do if service in the new contract is not being carried out satisfactorily, and what incentive haulers will have to do good business, as they have proven they are able to do so well under the current system. What will we do, call the city? The current recycling program has proven that it is not easy to get a response, or see changes this way. **Under the proposed new system, I along with several of my neighbors will experience an increase in fees, and we do not produce much trash. This is disheartening when there is not an incentive for folks to produce less trash, while having to pay more.** If this issue is being categorized as an "environmental one", then let's be clear that it's not one-sided. Please consider allowing limiting haulers to certain days of the week in certain neighborhoods to limit traffic, while allowing residents the chance to still choose their hauler.

Thirdly, I'm disappointed by the way in which citizens have been allowed to engage in this process from the start. I spoke with my hauler, who said that they've been unable to discuss the contract or details during meetings, as the council has not allowed for that. To me it appears as if the council is set on making organized collection happen, without asking those involved for their input. Wouldn't you want to have haulers on your side, hammering out important details that they have pertinent information on?

Finally, related to my point above about engaging residents, I have a family member who does not speak English and who requested to have a document translated of meeting minutes to stay abreast of this issue--she followed the prompt on the bottom of the page to request a translated document. Not only was she answered by someone who wasn't able to help her, but finally when an interpreter was placed on the line and she communicated her wish for a translated document, we never received it--that was 3 months ago. I'm concerned that while the Mac Groveland Neighborhood Council framed organized collection as something that will serve marginalized and immigrant families better, clearly non-English speaking residents aren't even able to stay abreast of the issue because there are not accommodations to do so. Imagine those residents who don't even know this issue is being discussed, because there are not interpreters and employees to reach out to them. With my current hauler, we are able to speak personally with a Spanish-speaking staff member to get our needs met, with no barriers. This is a great example of when businesses know their customers, there isn't a need for government involvement unnecessarily.

One of the reasons I love St. Paul is its vibrant diversity and value on small business, as well as its attempt to invite democratic processes on important issues. Unfortunately in my experience, organized collection has not been one that reflects these things. Again, I urge you to vote to abandon the current plan for organized collection at next week's meeting when you vote.

Sincerely,
Berit Higuera Berit Higuera berit.higuera@gmail.com
1287 Laurel Avenue

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Sarah Ditto 86dittos@gmail.com

1969 MONTANA AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

I oppose this measure as it is clear to me that this decision was going to be made without informing homeowners in Saint Paul of what amounts to a significant change in the way we handle garbage hauling. No mailing was sent out to each homeowner (in their own language) detailing the specifics of this change and how it may affect them. That doesn't even take into account businesses, rental properties and churches. How does this affect them?

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

Michelle Malone Michelle Malone mrmalone1962@gmail.com
1729 Lafond Ave
55104

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Amen, we do not need more government. Free enterprise should be allowed, it's what this country is all about and our founding fathers had the same vision. Saint Paul city government should stay out of this.

John Roberts

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Saint Paul, MN 55106

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

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

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

Roxanne Karney rmkarney211@gmail.com

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(my comments) My neighbors and I would prefer not to have this plan. Our current garbage collection is much cheaper and probably better service too. And we currently don't have to pay \$52 every year for a "cart maintenance" fee. Curt says to say hi to Dave.

Muriel Gustafson megus@q.com

1955 STILLWATER AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I don't need someone to choose my waste carrier for me. I don't believe that the city should choose one carrier! That's a monopoly and leads to unethical business.

Tamara Amon-Stodola ammytamon@hotmail.com

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Saint Paul, MN 55119

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The job the city did on the recycling services was so good. If it's anything like that, we'll go 4 weeks without a pick up, and unpredictable pick up times.

Wylin Xiong

1069 FRANK ST Wylinxiong@hotmail.com
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Dear Mr. Bostrom, I am writing to you in regards to this new trash removal proposal. I like the idea of having everyone's trash being collected on the same day but I would pay much more than what I'm paying now. First of all there is nothing explaining why there would be an annual fee for the service, which I don't think it is fair to your constituents. Secondly, after seeing the monthly fees, my carrier now is cheaper with my 95 gallon service than what it shows for the 35 gallon. As somebody that has spent time talking to you at meetings and being a person living in your district, I thought it would be of significant importance for you to know how most of us feel. Like I said if this could be done without our cost going up from our current carrier, then it would make sense. I just retired from the construction field this last January and am finding out how difficult it can be to make my pension money stretch for the month. Thank you for your time in reading this and I look forward to seeing you at some of the events in the near future.
Sincerely, Gregory S. Hartling

Gregory Hartling Davell07@comcast.net

1389 SEARLE ST
Saint Paul, MN 55130

Hello,

I live on the West Side of St. Paul and am writing because I strongly feel that there has to be an OPT OUT option for a citywide trash collection.

There are members of my community that are not only being economical by having many households share a bin but this is very good for our environment as well.

Please vote for an OPT OUT and please let me know that you have done so as I want to be informed of your actions to help me decide on my votes in future elections.

Thank you

Kathleen Flores Ganley Kathleen Ganley ganle001@umn.edu

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University of MN

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We are retired and on a fixed income and this would increase our trash bill by double of what we pay now. Let us make our choice of whom we want.

Deborah Bradbury djbradbury2013@gmail.com

1661 ORANGE AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I believe it should be my choice as a homeowner to pick my own garbage hauler. To be able to pick the services I need at a cost I can afford. My husband and I looked at various companies and decided that Gene's Disposal Service Inc. met are needs for a local small business company. Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Constance Oppelt Constance.oppelt@hotmail.com

1056 ORANGE AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Hi Dan,

I am totally against the Organized Trash Collection! Right now I am paying under \$16.00 a month for trash pickup once a week. That is for the medium cart we have. We don't have a lot of "Big Items" we have had to get rid of since moving here in 1999. We either donate or find homes for them.

That price doesn't have the \$52.00 a year "Maintenance Fee"! Since that would be added to our taxes that means our mortgage goes up! From what I have read my taxes are already going up by double digits for next year! When is enough is enough? I Love St. Paul, I grew up here. I lived in Mounds Park for all my school years graduating from Harding High school. What do we get for the fee?

Also, we all have containers already. Why waste even more money on new ones? The recycling one we have, my husband has had to replace the wheel on one side at least once!

The residents who aren't using a trash service most likely are renters. I have a rental next door to me and the only ones who have been using one consistently are the current ones.

The people who want the OTC should organize together amongst themselves for their own coalition! Obviously they can afford the higher prices and taxes!

Please reject this idea forever!!! Let people make up their OWN MINDS!!!

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Laura Kackman
2155 East Rose Avenue Laura laurakackman@comcast.net
St. Paul, MN. 55119

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Dear Council Member Bostrom,

I agree with the above statement and I urge you to vote against the city's takeover of garbage collection.

Sincerely,

Ryan C Dwyer 2129 Arlington Ave E

Ryan Dwyer Rcdwyer@mmm.com

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Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I would think you have many more important things to be doing. I am able to decide who picks my trash up, and hopefully you are in it. Why don't you work on lowering our tax's and eliminating sanctuary cities like . Why do you people always dream up idea's that keep costing people more money. FED UP RETIRED TAX PAYER THAT BELIEVE'S YOU SHOULD BE WORKING ON REFORMING THE WELFARE SYSTEM. AND YOU CAN TAKE THIS TO THE BANK, I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR YOU IF THIS STUPID IDEA GOES THROUGH!!!!!!

Joseph Masso jomas@comcast.net

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Saint Paul, MN 55119

Linda Setterlund – 1746 Saunders – 651-6999-0710

Left VM – They are very concerned with the proposal and don't see any advantages. Hopes C/M Tolbert votes no. The administrative costs serve no purpose. City should be more concerned re FedEx and other large trucks driving up and down the streets.

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

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:46 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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My husband and I are concerned costs are going up faster than our income. We can take our trash in ourselves for. lots cheaper than proposed fees. Lanie (rhymes with Janie) Paymar

Lanie (rhymes with Janie) Paymar

1229 PALACE AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Brian J Valento [mailto:gamerunner2001@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:05 AM

To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: City takeover of garbage hauling..

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

I am again urging that you vote against this proposal to take away our choice regarding city wide garbage haulers. Please listen to your constituents and stop this unnecessary government over reach... There are other ways this can be changed, why not let haulers get together and use one day for pickup like the recycling program is doing? I plan to survey our block bounded by Jeffereson Avenue South, Wellesley North, Macalester on the East and Davern on the West to find out if we can work together to pick one hauler for our block.. We already do it with ally snow plowing, this can be accomplished with a little effort on my part, not afraid to take on this challenge. In my initial door knocking I met a women, recently widowed, fixed income, generates one bag of rubbish a week which she takes to her daughters home for disposal.. She indicated that with the expected property tax increase for 2018 she will be forced to leave the city... She has lived on our block for 39 years....

I bike almost daily, the condition of our city streets is as bad as I can remember, take a ride down Highland Parkway from Snelling Avenue to Hamline.. very rough shape for a biker... Roads before messing with a trash hauling system that is working and can be improved without city help.....

I watched some of the hearing last Wednesday, it's clear to me that this one size fits all approach is not necessary and that to push ahead against citizens wishes will have consequences... Both my wife and I vote and we will pay close attention to how this decision is handled...

Brian J Valento
333 Macalester Street
St.Paul,Minnesota..55105

From: jgstupka@comcast.net [mailto:jgstupka@comcast.net]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 5:23 PM
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We strongly object to city organized trash collection! We are life long residents and want to keep the current system of trash collection. Please do not force this new system on us!

John Stupka
1833 STANFORD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Becky Johnson [mailto:laptopgypsy@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:25 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Garbage collection

Hello Representative Tolbert,

I would like to add my thoughts about the proposed changes to garbage collection. I currently have on call service with Highland Sanitation. I pay only about \$10 every 6 weeks because I recycle and compost. I have very little trash. I believe keeping and on call service will encourage others to recycle and compost their waste also so that they pay less for trash collection. Please keep the on call service to allow for lower costs and encourage more recycling and composting.

Thank you
Becky Johnson

1501 Osceola Ave
Saint Paul MN 55105

From: Johanna Kertesz [mailto:johannakertesz@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:34 AM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3
Subject: Please support consolidated collection

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I am writing to ask you to support consolidated trash collection for the City. At the public hearing last week, we heard comments both for and against consolidated collection. The majority of the comments against consolidated collection pertained to increased collection costs for individual households. I can relate to this sentiment, as a low volume generator in a "desirable" neighborhood to service, I will also see a cost increase. However, I recognize that not everyone pays such low rates. And I believe we need to make the pricing more equitable across the city.

While I understand the concern with increased individual costs, it should be noted that a main reason the City is not seeing lower costs is because we chose to retain all 15 licensed haulers rather than putting out for RFP and selecting one or a few to service the city. City staff listened to the priorities of the Council (informed by public input) and worked hard to include small businesses. We can't have it both ways - since we must achieve more equitable pricing throughout the city, if we choose to do that using 15 haulers, we will pay more. If we opt to reduce the number of haulers, we'd likely end up with lower prices. We as a community must decide what is more important - preservation of small businesses or individual cost savings.

I also heard plenty of concern regarding discouraging waste reduction, recycling, and composting since the proposal does not provide significant price breaks between service levels and also does not allow residents to share a cart. I share this concern and would like to see this addressed if possible, possibly by increasing the cost for the larger carts and decreasing the cost for the smaller carts. However, I do not think we should give up on consolidated collection if this cannot be worked out immediately. Now is the time to consolidate collection - this is a great first step to incentivizing sustainable behavior change and we should take it now. We'd be reducing illegal dumping, providing lower costs on average, improving local air quality, and minimizing wear and tear on the roads. I urge you to vote to approve moving forward with contract negotiations.

Thanks for your service to our community,

Johanna Anderson

1315 Sargent Ave

On Jul 25, 2017, at 9:22 AM, Kate Hebel <kate@newedition-inc.com> wrote:

I read the article about the proposal for city-wide trash collection in the Pioneer Press on Thursday July 20, 2017. I've been waiting to see what the City was planning to charge, because I believe my monthly costs are already reasonable. I've had the same trash hauler since I bought this house in 1985. Several years ago the neighborhood solicited requests for proposals from trash haulers in an effort to get better pricing so we only have 3 different trucks that travel the alley. The recycle truck makes two passes each Monday simply to pick up both sides of the alley with their automatic arm, so I don't really feel that "minimizing alley traffic" was a priority when the City took over the recycle program.

Presently I pay \$5.00 per week; I'm allowed two (2) 30 yd. bags per week. My use of trash bags have decreased because I probably recycle 70% so I have no need for larger trash containers. I also don't want or need "large items" picked up so why should I pay for such? If folks need that service I believe they should pay for that for their own address, but it should not be city-wide. I don't believe all residents should all be charged to subsidize a few.

My present rate: \$5.00/week x 52 weeks = \$260.00 per year; that costs includes waste management tax and Ramsey County environmental charge.

At the proposed rate of \$21-\$32 per month x 12 months = \$252 to \$384/year PLUS \$52 yearly administrative costs = \$304 to \$436 per year! That's still significantly more than I am presently paying.

Does that proposed monthly costs include all the taxes or is that additional?

I plan to retire soon, and will not have an outside income. I certainly cannot afford to pay any increases due to the City's involvement. Right now if I do not like the trash hauler's costs I simply call another one, and I'm a firm believer that competition is good and keeps costs fair. Fixed pricing by the City doesn't offer residents any price comparison or options to shop for better pricing. And as I understand it residents are not allowed to opt out. So much for choice.

You know Chris, after living in St. Paul for 43 years I wish I had more faith that the City can manage my household expenses better than I can, but with all the services that the City is already handling, some less than satisfactory, I don't understand why they thought they should tackle this issue. I didn't think it was broken, but I do understand certain areas of town have a problem. That could be due to the rate of rentals, due to the demographics and that fact that irresponsible folks don't care about laws. Littering still occurs and illegal dumping will too. City-wide trash hauling will not be the fix.

Please consider the amount of seniors in your area; most of us are, or will be on a fixed income. My property taxes continue to rise (add street assessments), along with sewer assessment and I can see eventually I will not be able to afford to live in St. Paul. That's a sad state of affairs when seniors can't afford to keep their homes they worked so hard to pay off the mortgage.

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From: Kate Hebel [mailto:kate@newedition-inc.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 9:48 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3; McMahon, Melanie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: City-wide Trash Collection

Folks, I misspokemy mistake. I'm allowed 38 gallons of trash per week, usually two bags for me, not 30 yards per week ...that would be a whole lot of trash!

Thank you for taking the time to reading my concerns and position.

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Donovan Struck – 1466 Osceola – 651-699-0883

Left VM opposing government run trash deal. Being forced on against his will. Is not acceptable. The city is grabbing at too much power. Vote against it.

Vivian Dokos – 1414 Mississippi River Blvd S –

Left VM opposing government take over and is against proposal. This is the United States of America, and this is a dangerous road to take. Yes, it's just trash but we all have rights. It is a competitive business and it is good.

Lawrence Orenstein – 1703 Field

Left VM in opposition to the garbage bill. Want Councilmember Tolbert to vote no to the bill.

Paul Orman – 651-699-1671

Left VM regarding organized trash collection. Pricing is very important. The goal and the way it is set up is good all except the pricing.

Jane Sene

We do not have much
Trash

I am Happy with our
Trash Hauler Higblair
Sanitation He charges us
just when we need him.
So we are getting charged
for what we use.

The City of St Paul is
not giving us freedom of
Choice just like the

recycling Gore Vaux
City Our Spends