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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:05 AM

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

**Cc:** scilake@comcast.net

**Subject:** Organized Collection

Dear Mr. Tolbert,

I would like to make my opinion known about this subject. I would like to go on record that I am **vehemently** opposed to organized collection. I currently pay \$60 per quarter with Pete's Rubbish, which by the way, it has gone up only \$12 in twenty years, has fantastic service, and I wish to support this small business. Organized collection will take away MY choice, will be MORE costly, and I will have to pay, yet another additional fee to the City of St. Paul. It's getting far too expensive to live in St. Paul!!!! I must also add with the City taking over the Recycling program, the service has gone down dramatically. It's hit or miss if I get my recycling picked up, for instance they've missed my pickup for the past two weeks, therefore, I have to take the time to be on hold and call Eureka to have them come and pick it up. I can only imagine the chaos organized collection will create.

Please vote **NO** on this on this issue!!!!

Respectfully,

Cherise Erickson

1615 Juliet Ave.

From: Danielle Salus [mailto:dasalus@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:28 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash in Saint Paul

Dear Councilmember Tolbert:

I am writing to encourage you to vote in support of the Seventh Proposal for Organized Trash Collection, and to authorize City Staff to begin negotiations with the licensed haulers as outlined in the Proposal. I have been a resident of Mac Groveland for 16 years. I strongly support Organized Trash Collection for several reasons:

- It will be less noisy and disruptive in our alleyways, and reduce pollution - due to reduced truck traffic

- It will provide more uniform rates among haulers, and city-wide

- The base rate will include 3 bulky items/year (which residents currently have to pay for)

Please vote in favor of this proposal. Mac Groveland has been a huge part of making this happen, and this is one of the neighborhoods you represent.

Thank you,

Dani Salus

Mac Groveland, Saint Paul

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

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:41 PM

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

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

**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Chris Tolbert,

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The city got out of the garbage hauling business years ago. It was not cost effective. It turned it over to private industry. The city needs to encourage small business not regulate it. People have a right to choose who they want not be told who they get. At what point will you listen to the majority instead of the minority? As far as road maintenance goes, that's what we pay for and reducing truck traffic will not lower our bill for maintenance. Do what you were voted in to do, run the city business.

Douglas Olson

2114 JAMES AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Bill Black

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:00 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Are trash haulers being dishonest?

Dear Councilman Tolbert,

I saw on Facebook that 1<sup>st</sup> Choice St. Paul (the waste haulers) are asking people to contact the Council in opposition to organized collection. I am IN FAVOR of organized collection. I live at 2001 Field Ave. I would love to have fewer trucks on our streets and fewer days with garbage cans in the street.

The website that 1<sup>st</sup> Choice leads people to states what they claim to be the proposed rates under the proposed organized collection system. (<http://advocacy.firstchoicestpaul.com/>) These look quite a bit higher than what I read in the official proposal. Are they being dishonest? If so, please call them out on it.

Although I see that the Organized Collections Options Committee has been or is going to be suspended, I hope it's not too late to put residents' choice for organized collection ahead of the haulers' choice for excess air and noise pollution and excess street damage from more trucks than we need to do the job.

Thank you!

- Bill Black

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I will end up paying more than i am now i have 65 gallon now and pay 68.00 per 3 months

James Schneider

1249 GALTIER ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I have no problem with the organized collection. It the fees are ridiculous. They way over what we are currently paying and then add the city fee. Poor negotiations on the part of the city. The fees should go down not up!!!

Lynn Connolly

105 ROSE AVE W  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

I am making another plea to NOT take control of my trash collection service contract. I have submitted input previously online as well as to my council rep president Stark.

Government is best that governs least. The role of government is not to install and run a collective program in place of a private market service,

even if the majority wants it. The role of government is to protect the minority from the majority. Without it we have mob rule.

Last week at the public hearing I witnessed around 25 people who you claim are in the minority of wanting to be left alone to choose in our open haul system, vs. about 15 who represent your supposed majority that demand the city pick the winners and losers in your closed haul proposal.

The environmental grant given to Macalester to create an environmental study that supports your consolidation is loaded with bias, spin, and assumption to serve YOUR interest to do this. The study claims benefits will result in cost, energy, and efficiency. Untrue. The truth can be found in the survey showing the people are SPLIT on Yes or No to city organized collection, with half preferring individual choice, customer service, and small local business support. (MGCC OTC Survey of 2015 with 1951 respondents, published 12/14/15 in MinnPost.)

The costs facts are that the cost will go up. The free market always provides the best solutions, options, innovations, and prices when left alone. The only way the City can pull this off is to charge more and mandate it, eliminating the Opt-Out (which we were baited into believing was part of the negotiation all along). Your proposed system is so great you must force it on us. The City tried this in the late 70's/early 80's and couldn't compete with the small local providers, but sought to try again in '87, '98, and '09 before wising up.

You aren't even hiding the increased costs OUT OF THE GATE over the current rates. I will get the same service I get now at a higher price, you will just tell me who my company is going to be. Your admin fee of \$52 a year per household is \$52 more than I pay now to do it myself. At estimated 100,000 households that comes to \$5,200,000 each year, for YOU to sign the contracts to the 15 private haulers. (Where do I apply to be the one doing that?)

The efficiency facts are that our haulers have each already limited and consolidated their geographical territories because of costs and efficiencies. They don't send one truck to one alley to pick up one can and then sprint across town. You are also creating a barrier to entry for someone who wants to create this small business. In fact you will be putting some of them out of business.

The environmental facts are that the City run recycling program change has added two new alley truck runs per week, since they only know how to collect from one side of the truck apparently (that is when they feel I've correctly oriented and spaced my container to be worthy of pickup). That wear and tear on alleys argument is unproven spin. I've seen no problems and no maintenance in my 18 years here.

The energy facts are that you are diverting time, energy, and money from positive and productive agenda items like housing affordability, rec center and pathway neglect, and policing accountability.

And if you want to shift the reasons for the need to do this to an illegal dumping concern, you will never eliminate that and you are already charging that to residents anyways. I've gotten charged (excessively) for single items that people have dumped and that you have picked up at times unbeknownst to me. I accept that. The General Fund also has a budget for litter pick up, which is what this boils down to. Mr. Goldstein had a great idea, why don't

you set up a free trash dump on some piece of land you own, for people who can't afford to pay Twin City Refuse or Veolia or whomever. Ask for donations like they do at Como Park but assess any outstanding balances like street maintenance. That idea can't possible exceed \$5,200,000 per year. Let's try it and reevaluate in 6 months.

Last, you are putting us at risk from new problems that will emerge as they always do, such as an inevitable union of trash collectors ability to withhold service for more money, which has occurred in places like paris and new york, where trash piled up until they got their demands met. Right now I can fire and hire for doing a poor job or doing a good job. Don't take away my service authority and ability. Please don't do this.

Chris Holbrook  
1302 Van Buren Ave.  
612-499-4493

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I feel this take over cost homeowners more money in the long run and takes away our freedom of choice. I do not agree with this proposal. My wife and I are seniors and are struggling to pay our taxes and keep food on our table. This surely will be a hardship for many seniors and families.

John Brandon

996 MARION ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I can not emphasize how strongly I feel about this action. I and my neighbors do not support a city controlled garbage service. We want choice.

Javier Sanmiguel

970 EDGERTON ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Kathy Richardson

1020 COLNE ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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Staci Hutchinson

488 BRAINERD AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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I do NOT want the city of Saint Paul taking over my garbage hauling. If you want my trash, change to city-mandated pick up and I will just dump it on the steps of the capitol once a month.

I have chosen my garbage hauling company for a reason - a great environmental track record and I will not switch to some other government mandated hauler. We have a right to choose who picks up our trash.

If you would like to receive my vote ever again, you had better do the right thing here.

This "Solution" does NOT fit me.

Thomas Zocher

1061 CUMBERLAND ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I want to stick with my local business, please do not force us to have one option.

Heather Logan

119 COOK AVE W  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Amy, This is wrong on so many Levels. The people you represent will be punished, not only the ones that are presently dumping their garbage in my yard but myself as well. yes we need change but raising my bill by roughly 20% and taking away my ability to chose is not the thing to do. The quality of my service has gone down since this proposal what is going to happen once this is implemented? The trash haulers and the city make out like bandits, competition is gone. This may be the last straw for me a homeowner in the city of saint paul with a job too i might add



what about the leaches that seem to be the favored residence in saint paul? I am so sick and tired of paying other peoples way all the time! Respectfully, Greg

Greg Goldsworthy

931 CLARK ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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The city needs to stay out of this issue. And start looking into the increase in crime.

Steve Forster

1089 CUMBERLAND ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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We do not want to change garbage companies. The proposal price is almost double what I pay now and I have no annual costs. The only thing that sounds good is that garbage day be the same for the block. But these neighborhoods are mainly low income areas and adding more money to our bills is not a way to help out the community. I feel that the negatives out way the positives and should be your main deciding factor on this matter. I feel like there is already so many people improperly disposing their garbage due to these increases I foresee many not choosing garbage disposal or picking the smallest one for cheaper price and then disposing all over the neighborhood.

Amanda Lee

503 ARLINGTON AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Theodore Miller

800 BUFFALO ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I am very happy with my garbage/trash service and would like to be able to make these decisions myself, In other words I've got this. What I would like you to do is focus on making this city a safer place, because clearly violence is getting out of hand . Let us take care of the simple things and you please focus your efforts on the real problems. There are no problems with the current trash collection system. Finally, I sure as hell won't vote for you if you are in favor of this change. Got it? Duane Delperdang

Duane Delperdang

1561 WESTERN AVE N  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

Amy,

So what is your plan for all of the trash carts that we have now? And will "new" haulers know how to navigate all of St. Paul's alleys & streets & where they are; or will it be a mess just like the recycling? Our present haulers know where their customers are.....

And what kind of cart maintenance will our \$52 yearly fee pay for? Sounds like a ripoff to me.

Our recycling carts don't require any maintenance!

You are never going to eliminate illegal dumping. My son is a landlord. He has tenants move out in the middle of the night to avoid paying their rent....they just dump their stuff anywhere or leave it behind for him to dispose of.

Wake up & realize that you can't fix everything. The suburbs are looking pretty good to me.....

Nancy Busse  
Sent from my iPad

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...

Sincerely,  
Theresa Basting

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?***

Good morning,

I would very much appreciate a reconsideration of the plan to force trash hauling on residents of St. Paul. Is there anyone who is speaking up for the elderly and single people who will now be forced to 'subsidize' other larger families by being forced to pay a monthly fee now if such individuals are NOT allowed to share and opt-out?

With rising costs making it difficult for many elderly to stay in and maintain their homes, this is just ine more well meaning edict that will make St. Paul too costly to live in for many residents!

I personally do not have a service as I am a senior citizen, compost and recycle almost all of my waste; I share with a neighbor IF I have anything that needs to be tossed (which usually amounts to one waste basket size of waste from product packaging). I know there are many others like me that have worked hard to recycle and compost and are now going to be penalized!

This goes against the initiative for recycling and composting and if everyone is forced to pay the same amount will just go back to throwing everything out in the trash anyway since they are forced to pay for it anyway!

What is going on?

Thank you!

Roxanne Karney  
2161 Temple Ct  
St. Paul MN 55104

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Please represent us on this!

Jennifer Troy

38 WHEELLOCK PKWY E  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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

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We moved into St. Paul over 25 years ago and have had the same garbage company. We have never thought about changing companies, so why will we be forced to change?

Tom Bedford

674 COTTAGE AVE W  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Randy Lawson

1062 CHATSWORTH ST N  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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I have garbage picked up in front of my house and would want it to continue that way, the recycling says they have to pick it up in the alley, we have NO access to the alley except with stairs or go around the block. The fees we pay now are cheaper than what you are suggesting, plus we have more school buses running around all the time than we have trash removal trucks. If we can put up with all the buses than what is the issue with the trash trucks

Urban Hellerman

1005 BURR ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Good afternoon Ms. Brendmoen,

I'm writing again about coordinated collection. I saw the price structure and it has confirmed for me that I will be paying at least \$100.00 more per year for my trash collection under the proposed plan. Cost is the biggest reason I'm so against this plan. When I negotiate my collection I often get 2 months of service for free and my monthly cost is lower than the amounts released in the payment structure. This is not a good deal for St. Paul residents. I also don't pay myself \$52.00/year for negotiating. I get to keep all of my savings. The city's payment structure has me over-paying for collection services, paying for services I don't need and won't use (bulk items and Christmas tree pick-up). To top that off, it has me paying the city to do a poor job negotiating my bill for me.

Because I negotiate my own collection, I know very well that the price increases over time. With this pay structure as the best deal you are able to negotiate at the beginning, I know this will increase ever year and so will that \$52.00 city fee. Please understand that you can never negotiate my collection better than I can for myself and my family.

I do not want to be stuck paying for services I don't need and paying the city to poorly negotiate my trash collection. We are a working family in St. Paul and if you want to help working families you should dedicate yourselves to improvement through better education, lowering

crime and making the city safer- not through trash. You should not be actively seeking ways to charge residents more money in taxes and fees.

Please DO NOT support city-wide coordinated collection. It's costing working families more money not less.

Thank you. Katie Dimmel 1539 Dale Street N. St. Paul, MN 55117

Katie Dimmel

1539 DALE ST N  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

To Councilman Amy Brendmoen – Ward 5

I was just reading the letters sent to Councilmembers regarding garbage collection. I reviewed the cost of the City Garbage Collection, and it is considerably more than I am paying now. Also, if we have a problem with the collection who can we call? Now I can contact with my hauler and he is always quick to respond. I have not had an increase in rates for 5 years. Why is the cost of everything for the City of St Paul more costly and less service than cities like Minneapolis, Roseville, and other surrounding areas? All the fees that the City of St Paul control now increase every year. There is never a fee renewal that even stays the same. I would the City Council members should vote against the garbage collection and let citizens of St Paul control their Garbage Collection.

Judy Sheehan

Hi Amy,

I fully support organized trash collection. One truck down the alley per week has a lot of benefits and no down-side.

Thanks for your support,

Steen Erikson  
1100 Churchill Street  
St. Paul, 55103

Council Member Brendmoen,

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 Pflugi

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Debra Prokop

980 COLNE ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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Also thank you for not just following like a sheep and considering how this is a bad idea , I am opposed to this based on freedom of choice , the so called administrative fee etc , vote against it please !!!!!

George Frederick

993 GROTTO ST N  
Saint Paul, MN 55103

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I am a widow, living alone, paying \$72 a year for trash collection by sharing with a neighbor. I have 2 small Cub bags of trash per week. This plan removes the opt out option which saves

many of us money; & is more practical. To continue that option you simply need to charge every property & then credit those people who could prove that they are sharing with a neighbor. The proposed plan would mean that I would have to pay \$305 per year..... for a smaller can & pickup only twice a month...to get the cheapest rate possible. Bulk items should be extra. There will always be people who dump their trash illegally.....charging the rest of us more won't eliminate that. Please be reasonable & fair to all of us,

Nancy Busse

762 CALIFORNIA AVE W  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Thank you for bringing up the issue of shared services at the meeting last night. Please continue to listen to your constituents, and please vote no on this issue.

Nancy McKinley

1330 AVON ST N  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I am paying about as much as I can afford at this time for garbage. If the city takes over it will raise my garbage collection costs at least six dollars a month and maybe more. I do not believe that the city should step in and take over, I like the system the way it is now.

Linda Dahl

1649 DALE ST N  
Saint Paul, MN 55117

It's very disheartening that I feel it needs to be pointed out to you that local government's intrusion in private business is a very bad idea. It's not only a bad move from an economic standpoint, but from a political view as well.

How long do you think the citizens of St Paul will continue to let its government interfere in private industry without repercussions?

If the handful of citizens that are hell bent on reducing garbage truck traffic throughout our streets on what they believe is a daily barrage, then perhaps you collective geniuses could assign each of St Paul's Wards a day for private haulers to pick up.

Each home owner would still have the ability to choose his/ her carrier and the ability for free enterprise would continue!

Please do not crush the small haulers ability to contribute to St Paul's economy!

Sincerely,  
Jim

Sent from my iPhone

I live in North Como, on Iowa and Avon.

I currently pay ~\$15 for my trash service.

The proposed city fees for an equivalent level of service is going to cost me **~40% MORE** than what I'm paying now.

Every year my property taxes go up, utilities go up, and now my trash service my almost 40%.

This is ridiculous, I'm sure no one cares but please stop this madness. Work on something productive like reducing the crime in the city!

Matthew Williams  
(763) 670-3562

We would like to say that as a retired couple on a fixed income the organized trash collection would be a hardship on us. Right now we share the price of trash collection with a neighbor. With the extra \$52. on our taxes and the charge per month it will be more than we pay now, and if we don't get the same service as we do now we have no recourse.

Jim & Pat Fohrenkamm

Brian Matter, Ward 7 resident – There was never an issue with trash until City Council brought it up. He did not ask for this when he voted for a city council member.

Anonymous Ward 7 resident – Please be sure there are options for yard waste to be picked up with the new trash system.

Violet Ruth 17XX Leone- Disagrees with trash takeover

Dorothy Mohwinkle, 148 White Bear Ave- Keep trash the way it is with neighborhood haulers

Doris 2XX Burlington Rd. opposes city take over

William Whelan, E 6<sup>th</sup> street, This is the worst thing ever. His fees are doubled. St. Paul is killing its people. I can't afford to eat.

Kurt, 22xx Boxwood against organized trash. Currently pays half what's proposed. If it is more efficient, why is it more?

Jackie Finley, 10XX Mary Lane – Opposes trash collection. It will cost over \$100 more per year.

Tom Bertini, 19XX Eberts Ct. Has lived here for 35 years. The council should consider why the city got out of trash collection 40 years ago. Perhaps the streets are breaking because the city stopped tarring. What about free enterprise?

Anonymous – against

Anonymous, Ward 7, Not unhappy with current trash situation. Against not being able to opt out. This is not council business.

Kieshia Brayant, 15XX Wilson – Opposed to trash

Bob Hauri, 17XX Leone Ave – 1. Three items free should be pay as you go. Not for everyone. 2. Maplewood prices are significantly lower. He doesn't understand how \$13.07 for the largest container and no additional fees.. large items only if they have them.

Carolyn St. Germain, 10XX Minnehaha, opposed to trash collection. She recycles almost everything and doesn't need service, but wouldn't mind paying for the plowing of alleys through the city.

David Stiff, 21XX Nortonia – Opposed to organized trash

Terry Winters – Opposed to organized trash

Ronald Stiken – vote no, he is opposed

Sheila Fri, vote no, it will take away jobs

Carol Beacher, 16XX Wilson – doesn't approve of government taking over trash, don't vote for it

Steffany Master, 21XX Reany Ave – pays \$22 per month with Waste Management. She is unhappy with recycling, it is not going well. Will city be responsible for the alleys now?

Stacy Anderson, XX Flandreau- against hauling. Wants to keep her hauler

Robert Ferguson, 6X Battle Creek Pl. Opposed to organized hauling

Bonnie Johnoson, 1580 Burns, Opposed to organized trash she has a very large container

Leigh Jorento, 4XX Burlington – does not need the city to find her trash hauler. She can do it her self. There is no need for a maintenance fee. She likes her current collection service

Randall Whiteside, 20XX North Park Drive – do not vote for government run trash

Margaret Swenson, Battle Creek, Urges you to vote no. it doesn't make sense.

Mark Knapp, thinks that the price is too high and an there is an opportunity to do better. He doesn't want to pay for three bulky items, he won't need it. The prices are higher than Maplewood. Video cameras can be used at illegal dumping sites. People with minimal trash are forced to pay more.

Donna Neighart, 21XX 4<sup>th</sup> street opposed to the high price. She hopes there would be an option for yard waste to be picked up.

**Email:**

St. Paul City Council Members,

I am not in favor of centralized trash pick-up in St. Paul for the following reasons:

1) I am concerned that with centralized trash pick-up, the selected hauler for my area will not come down my private gravel road. It would be inconvenient at best to haul my trash can more than 1/8 mile to a location where it could be picked up. I live on a private gravel road (Highwood) and my current carrier (Highland Sanitation) will still come down and pick it up.

2) I see no indication of the ability to stop service/charges for vacations. During my vacations, my current hauler (Highland Sanitation) will allow me a vacation stop (no charges) for that period.

Regards,  
Mark Drutowski  
10XX McKnight Rd. S.

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I have had nothing but problems with the new recycling and now you want to screw up my garbage? shame on you for messing with things you DONT need to be involved in .

dwight clark

9XX BEECH ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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If it does go forth, I demand lower projected prices! Our streets will be dirtier than ever because residents will try to save money by getting and over stuffing smaller cans, which animals can easily tear apart. Also, as a garbage truck driver myself, I even know that the prices are way too high. And since I get free garbage through my employment, I'm gonna be even more upset being forced to pay outrageous prices.

Jessica Swearingen  
9XX 3RD ST E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I do not need the city dictating to me what company I use for my trash removal,

Armando Torrez  
8XX HAZELWOOD ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106



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Debra Lichtenberg  
17XX WILSON AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Please do not let this happen. The government should stay out of any private business. Use my tax dollars for what they are meant to be used for.

Steve Misukanis

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9X BATTLE CREEK PL  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

From: Dee Walsh [mailto:walshshack@aol.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2017 2:11 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Council  
Subject: City wide Garbage hauling

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

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® S2

----- Original message -----

From: nmfinch1949 <nmfinch1949@gmail.com>  
Date: 7/19/17 2:23 PM (GMT-06:00)  
To: ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us  
Subject: Trash socialism

St. Paul, the most UNLIVEABLE city in America. I am a senior citizen, and I have owned my home for 35+ years and paid, up to this point, every single recklessly-spent (by socialist liberals) stinking cent of property tax. I am on a fixed income, and I cannot afford another dirty, sneaky unnecessary charge. I swear you people sit on your brains all day trying to figure out how to screw the homeowner taxpayer. Can't forget the absentee landlords who are subsidized by government and therefore, can afford this increase multiple times over.

You people believe in choice? You are the biggest hypocrites that ever disgraced this city. You bleeding heart liberals make me sick to my stomach.

**From:** Pat Casey [mailto:pcstpmn@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 10:25 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
**Subject:** Coordinated Collection

As a resident of St. Paul / Ward 7, I do not support the current agenda of "Coordinated Collection" for garbage. Ask that you do not support this.

Patty Casey  
6XX White Bear Avenue  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

**From:** sparky3460@comcast.net [mailto:sparky3460@comcast.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 6:35 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
**Subject:** Proposed city garbage service

Hello,

I live in your district and I just read the article in the Pioneer Press about the proposed garbage service. If enacted I will be paying \$12.68 more per month then I do now and that doesn't include the annual service fee.

I pay \$77.98 every three months, this includes all the taxes and fees for a 95 gallon can. Please do not vote for this proposal.

Thanks  
Steve

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Terri Waterhouse  
15XX FREMONT AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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

From: Liz [mailto:ljlauterbach@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:33 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward7  
Subject: City Wide Garbage Plan

Dear Jane,

I recently read the article about the proposed city wide garbage proposal. I find it hard to believe that anyone would be in favor for such a proposal. The costs of it and what will happen long term if it passes will t better the community in the long run. How would it benefit those companies that loose their current customers and contracts that they have? There are a lot of them that would be put out of business because of it. We have had the same company for nearly 10 years. Their customer service is far above most any other company we have worked with. Beyond that their rates are very reasonable and they focus on the customer. They were one of the few companies that were budget friendly. Something that the new proposal is not. My rates would go up a minimum of \$200, \$200 a year! Plus what ever extra amount the administration, or government, decides they need in extra money yearly. So the community ends up paying far more for the service and paying extra on top of it all. How does that work? How is that looking out for the best interest of the community? How is that helpful in the long run? Just in the five year contract idea, we could pay \$1000 more. That is a lot of money that could be better well spent. The proposal takes away from the community. My kids both love garbage trucks and go out to greet each one that comes by our house. It is a great, amazing, community oriented, customer service strength that would disappear if the city goes through with this idea. Further more, the reasoning for it has little impact on the reality of things. Truck traffic, air quality, etc. are just all tagline words to get people upset about the current situation when it's not really an issue. Why make a solution, a very poor one at that, for a problem that doesn't actually exist? If you look at the idea and the numbers, it makes it look like the government is just trying to get their hands on one more area of the community and to get more money. Why does the city need one company? And just because other cities have it, why does Saint Paul need it? Saint Paul is big, it's different. Why make a fix to something that isn't broke? Why take away from the consumer? Why take away from the other garbage companies?

This proposal would make having garbage removal extremely costly to those who live in the city. It would cost companies to shut and close their doors. It would cause people to loose their jobs. Is that what we really want?

Thank you for you time and reading this.

Liz Lauterbach

Sent from my iPad

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I pay \$14 a month for my garbage and I don't have an annual fee of any kind. This would raise my monthly collection \$10 more a month plus \$60 a year with the annual fee. This is just outrageous. I'm very opposed if this.

Debra O'Neill

9XX FREMONT AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Keep your dirty little hands off something that isn't broke! I can only imagine what kind of kickback the City would get if this were to move forward. There are more worthwhile things the City should spend its time and money on. And the nerve of the council members to think you should take away companies and jobs! How dare you think you can do it better! Supply and demand is what keeps prices competitive and if the City gets involved that goes out the window. Not to mention you have absolutely no right to dictate to each individual household what service they can have. You all think an awful lot of yourselves if you think you can keep prices down and provide the service that's currently provided.

Louise Ricci

21XX BEECH ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Leave our garbage collection alone! This proposed cost is more than double our current service and is a horrible idea

Alexander ONeill

9XX FREMONT AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Good Morning Ms. Prince,

I read the headline that you are disgusted with the soccer stadium clean up costs.

You know what I'm disgusted about today?

The cost of my garbage doubling. And I'm a whole lot more than disgusted!

What are you people thinking? When will your never-ending taxes and new fees for every little thing, and governments intrusion into people's lives stop?

I don't hear the garbage trucks go down the street - ever! I hear the big, loud, lumbering recycling truck though. I hear it a block away, and it always startles me; I always wonder what the heck is happening!

How many people have complained about the garbage trucks going down their streets? I'm not buying your story that it's ripping up the streets. How many people DIDN'T complain? Have you taken those people in to consideration who haven't complained? Remember, you represent all of us.

Isn't it the job of whoever is in charge of picking up "junk", to pick up "junk"? Isn't that what they get paid for?

If you divide the cost of City employees picking up junk, by the number of people in the City, what do you get? I don't think it's \$10, is it? So why are you charging a disabled senior citizen double what she's paying now? Just because you know you can?

I worked for the County for 35+ years before I became disabled and unable to work. I know how much government employees work. They work when they don't have a personal phone call to make, when they don't have to get a cup of coffee, when they don't have the need to stand around and visit, etc. I was actually told to slow down my work so as not to make other people look bad. And more than once! So maybe that's where you should start in a quest to pay for everything. Get the people working! Quit listening to their whining and crying and get somebody who does want to work. I know plenty of people who wouldn't mind picking up junk for what the current City employees make.

In fact, you probably don't work 8 hours a day, five days a week - unless you count sitting around thinking up new ways to screw people working. Quit with your programs and services! Quit especially with the programs and services that unnecessarily intrude into people's private lives. Don't fix things that aren't broken.

Let me ask you something else: who's going to pay the increased fees for the poor, the welfare recipients? Are you going to be handing out more money to them in order for them to pay more for garbage pick up? If so, does that really solve the money problem? It costs us for the few pieces of junk you pick up, but it'll cost us more to pay for the welfare recipients.

What's wrong with having the incarcerated at the jails pick up the junk instead of sitting around watching Maury Povich? That way the deputies will have something to do, too! I don't call sitting around monitoring inmates work.

Kathleen Lamphere

Dear Jane,

Hope all is well. I won't be able to attend the upcoming meeting regarding the proposed contract between the city and the various garbage haulers, but I wanted to express some concerns. First, as far as I can tell, it won't change the price significantly from what I'm paying, but maybe a slight increase. I am more concerned that I will no longer have any choice of hauler and that I worry service will deteriorate once competition has been removed. I would also be concerned that the City is facilitating a potential price fixing agreement as all of the garbage haulers are agreeing to 1) fix prices and 2) limit competition or assign zones where they won't compete. I hope the City Attorney will review this plan to make sure it doesn't pose an antitrust risk for either the City or the haulers.

Overall, I'm concerned that this proposed solution doesn't directly address the problem of illegal dumping. Also, this cure seems to be at least as bad as the problem of too many garbage trucks driving around.

Best Regards,

Paul Godfread  
Wakefield Avenue, Dayton's Bluff

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Now that the prices are out in the public I really don't want the city of St.Paul involved in garbage collection. VOTE NO. DO NOT SHOVE YOUR GREAT IDEAS ON ME. Do not raise my TAXES.

Grant Ward  
1XX MARIA AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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By instituting this program you are taking away the freedom of choice for the residents of St. Paul!! Stop that! I want the freedom to choose my garbage carrier.



Iraina Edwards

18XX 5TH ST E  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

We support having reduced noise and less wear on our streets. We understand that finding a solution while keeping costs down is a challenge.

After seeing the proposed pricing in the newspaper, our sample is interesting. Our trash collection company is Advanced Disposal.

Using the latest bill, they are charging us \$29.64 a quarter or \$118.56 a year. With the fuel surcharge, environmental fee, R admin fee, RR city environmental charge, and MNrs wastemgt tax, the annual cost will be \$225.68.

Using \$24.40 monthly price from the paper, the cost would be \$292.80 plus \$52 cart maintenance, the annual cost for us would be \$344.80.

That is a \$119.12 annual increase or 53% increase.

Thanks for all your work,  
Harvey and Rosie, 880 Mound Street

**From:** Salina Amey [mailto:salina\_amey@hotmail.com]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 2:36 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Ben Boike <bboike@wsp.mn.gov>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3 <Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; Rebecca Noecker <rebeccanoecker@gmail.com>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6 <Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>

**Subject:** No to City run garbage collection

Please throw away this notion that you are doing good by forcing residents of St Paul to allow you to choose our garbage collectors. I pay just \$132 per year for my garbage collection because I pay annually in advance for a tiny cart that is rarely even half full. I have no desire to subsidize the garbage collection cost of households that generate far more trash than I do. My rates are low because I compost, recycle, and donate what I do not need. The system in St Paul is working just fine. Do not ruin it.

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I do not believe in cutting small business in order for the city gain. We will have no choice, and our monthly bill will double, and most likely poor service, please listen to the people who put you in office.

David Emmons

21XX 4TH ST E  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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This is going to increase my personal cost by nearly 45%. My family of 5 is already living paycheck to paycheck, struggling to put food on the table and now you want me to pay more to get rid of my garbage? What is the problem with the current system? What is the problem with free market keeping costs down? Why are you trying to hurt Saint Paul families like ours? Please do not do this.

Christopher Schmitz  
21XX CONWAY ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I am 100% against the proposal and am quite happy with the current service and not bothered that my neighbors may use another hauler on a different day. They pass through, pick up their bins and are gone. It's not like they are out there every five minutes five days per week. It is also true that I am currently pays 33% less than the rate schedule as shown. Please vote against the proposal.

- Doug McKee

DOUGLAS MCKEE

22XX CARVER AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I am absolutely incensed over this. This will increase our costs by over double. We are fed up with the continual increases in taxes, fees, unnecessary government intrusion in our choices. We are incensed to the point of considering moving out of Saint Paul, Minneapolis. Don't want to but being driven out, losing our standard of living bit by bit. If this gets approved I will actively

campaign against any politician, Council member who votes to approve this travesty against our free choice. I am a former Chair of my House District and very familiar with campaigning.

Michael Lamphere

3X KIPLING ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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These suggested prices is way more than I pay for garbage service. That is not fair!

Mary Phelps

13XX MARGARET ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Good morning!

Thank you for considering a system that would provide organized trash collection for the City of St. Paul. I fully support this effort to reduce the number of trash haulers trundling down our alleyways and establish a more uniform pricing system. I also support the wage standards in the proposal.

You have my support to support the proposal! Best of luck with the deliberations.

Sincerely,  
Emily Shively

12XX Bush Avenue

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With the higher costs, I'm afraid that many people would end up choosing biweekly trash pickup trying to afford the higher prices, but the result would be alleys with overflowing trash cans, litter, and filth, which would also equal more rodents, especially rats, that would spread disease. Let's make choices that make a cleaner, more beautiful city! Thank you.

Iris Rohrer

17XX MINNEHAHA AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Stay out of the trash business try and get some of the work done around the city that needs to be done first roads Bridges protecting the citizens you have way too many things to do stop trying to get into other stuff you shouldn't

Greg DiMartino  
16XX REANEY AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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From looking at your fee rate my trash cost will go up \$132 a year. My social security went up \$2 a month. Leave well enough alone and let me find my own hauler OR make it reasonable. KE

Kristin Emerson  
1XX BATTLE CREEK PL  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Steve Tusa

10XX WILSON AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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**  
sheila sweeney  
15XX fairmount avenue  
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-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 7:45 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Pro OTC

I again want to go on record as supporting the organized trash collection. I think there are a lot of very vocal people up in arms about it but from what I'm seeing on social media and other forums, they're mostly ill informed and the rant veers off into healthcare and what all. My sense is that most people support the initiative with some reservations around cost. Most feel that the yearly fee is too high and the haulers should give us a better price.

Good luck

Sent from my iPhone

Dear Councilwoman Prince,

I'd again like to express my feelings regarding the city's trash collection issues. First of all, I'm glad the council did not rubber stamp the plan that was presented to them this past week.



I've shared my trash bill and my thoughts on the issue with the group that has been working on this plan for nearly a year now, and find them very "governmental" to deal with. All I ever get back in responses seems more to me like what "they" want, what they say the "majority " wants, what "they" know is good for me, without any names or numbers to back up what they are saying.

It seems to me they had their minds made up from day 1 what they wanted, and they've spent a year trying to make the facts and numbers fit their agenda. Whoever these folks may be, they certainly do nothing for my faith in government.

I worked in state government for 33-plus years, so I know how government tends to operate. And I know they tend to like to spend money fixing problems that really don't need fixing, while putting off dealing with real problems that could really impact our quality of life here, but are also very difficult to deal with.

I am retired, have owned my home in St. Paul for over 20 years now, and am now on a fixed income. I often have to make choices between what I want and what I need, when it comes to budgeting, and I'm okay with that.

What I don't like is seeing areas of spending where I have a choice dwindling. Federal, state, county and city taxes and fees continue to rise faster than my income does.

I can make budgeting choices on my phone and cell phone service, cable TV and internet service. If my insurance rates go up, I can shop around for a better deal, as I can with food, clothing, entertainment, and so on.

The "report" says most home owners will save money with the proposed plan, and most will see the same or better service.

Well, I must be in the minority. I currently pay under \$58 every 3 months for weekly trash pickup, and after shopping around for several years, I've been very pleased with the service I get from Highland for many years now.

Even if I go to bi-weekly pickup (poorer service), I'll still be paying more each month, plus the annual "administrative" fee. And I may well end up with a trash service that I've tried in the past and been very dissatisfied with.

I find it difficult to believe that a professional negotiating a rate for the entire city cannot come up with a rate as low as I have, all on my own. But then I shake my head, tell myself it's the government, and that pretty well explains it these days.

And yes, I've heard the stuff about reducing truck traffic, illegal dumping, air pollution, etc. and I don't believe the change will amount to anything worthwhile.

Heck, with the old recycling program, the recycling truck would come down our street once a week. With the "new improved" recycling program, the truck goes by twice a week, since it's only designed to pick up from one side.

Anyway, thank you for your time, Ms. Prince. I do appreciate the job you are doing for our area on the council. I do believe you listen to input you receive from residents, and you weigh the pros and cons before making your choices. That's all I can ask for!

Sincerely,  
Patrick Bones  
3XX Burlington Rd  
St. Paul, MN 55119-5377

Sent from PB's iPad

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Twice we've had to switch to another hauler because of bad service. Is the city going to intervene in my behalf if the service I receive from my assigned hauler is unsatisfactory?

Ralph Ludden

16XX BURNS AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Please do not have The City of St Paul take over trash services. I think this is a great injustice to residents Freedom to Choose whom they want to service there residence. It is a revenue that would make the City of St Paul again trying to raise money for? Leave well enough alone and let people choose. I will be watching who is in favor and st election time it will either play in your favor or not. Please use common sense in this matter. Patricia Osberg

Patricia Osberg  
1XX BURNS AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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 coucil 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

Jane, as you are aware I was at the council meeting about trash. I am deeply troubled by the idea of coordinated collection. Just a few items:

- The city presentation was an attempt to sell the project. Using a "bulky" figure of at least \$80/year was disinformation. I have been at 970 Burns for 30 years and have had to dispose of bulkys maybe 6 times. The proposed savings are a lie.
- Whereas I believe the proposal would help cut down the illegal dumping I don't think it would help much. I would bet that the reduction would be about 25%. Do you think that it is stalwart law abiding citizens doing the dumping?

- The "save the earth" mantra I heard from the proponents is misguided. Realistically, how much would this proposal help save the earth? The cost far outweighs the benefits.
- The traffic and noise and safety issues are also misguided. How many trucks pick up on Burns Ave. Maybe 4.

I could go on but my blood pressure is rising. If , as the president said, that the overwhelming number of citizens in his district favor this proposal then put the issue on the ballot this November. I'll bet again that it would fail.

Sincerely

Bruce Montgomery

Dear Council Members,

I've already been in contact with my Council Member; now I'm reaching out to all of you as a group.

I have long supported the idea of Organized Trash Collection (OTC) in St. Paul, but that was because we low-income homeowners were assured that:

- 1) the fees would not grossly exceed what we currently pay,
- 2) we could continue sharing a can with a neighbor (for us 1-person households and hyper recyclers and composters), and
- 3) we could opt-out of the system if it did not meet our needs, and take our trash to a dump or other facility.

None of that seems to be in the City's current proposal.

I've been a St. Paul homeowner for 18 years. For at least half that time, my next-door neighbor and I (both living alone, both with disabilities) have shared a trash can. We each pay about \$140 a year for this weekly service. On your proposed system, we'd each pay over \$300 a year. That is just not doable on Social Security, as I'm sure many of St. Paul's retired homeowners will also tell you. And if we can't pay, the cost then...goes on our taxes? And if we can't pay our taxes, we lose our homes, don't we? We want an affordable and effective trash hauling system; not to become homeless.

Please consider:

1. Residents who can provide evidence of their long-standing, minimal (yet responsible) use of hauling services should be allowed to share cans or opt out of the system.
2. Most homeowners will not have 3 large items to dispose of each year. I haven't had any in 18 years. I think that service is more suitable for the rental properties whose tenants dump an astonishing amount of their belongings in our alleys and on our properties as they're moving out. The rest of us shouldn't have to subsidize that in OTC any more than we should have to pay to have it removed from our property. Maybe it's better to have a voucher or additional fee for those with large items, rather than all of us shouldering that.
3. Christmas tree recycling is a perk only for those with a modicum of affluence and a particular religious persuasion. The rest of us shouldn't have to subsidize that either. Instead, open the

Ramsey County Compost Sites a few weekends in January to allow folks to bring in their trees. Clearly, if people are able to get trees into their homes, they can take them out and compost them.

4. It's nice that OTC drivers are guaranteed a minimum wage of \$20/hr, but it's also a slap in the face to the many residents (paying for OTC) who don't earn that much.

Please re-examine the options and costs for OTC, and see if we can't create a program that really works for everyone.

Thank you.



Geneviève Marault  
9XX Charles Avenue  
651-644-3890

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  
17XX Lafond Ave  
55104

**From:** Roxanne Karney [mailto:rmkarney211@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** Forced Trash Hauling

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?***

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Greg and Diane Mencke

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I have a question are these charges per month or every 3 month as I just paid mine and it is 64 gallon and with all the fees I pay 54.55 every 3 months, and i the charge of 52.00 going to be going to be billed quarterly or a one time payment, Mlne property taxes went up 38% this and now this how are people going to live if everything keeps going up.

Laura Harr  
13XX BUSH AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Greetings Jane Prince,

Please, please, please vote yes for the organized trash hauling.

As a side note, if trash haulers could observe the same noise ordinance the rest of us must and not start before 7:00 A.M, that would be great too.

Thank you.

Carol Christensen

16XX McLean Ave., St. Paul, MN

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Wayne Martin  
16XX ROSS AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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please do not meddle with my trash collection. your proposed rates are higher than my current bill. 52 dollar fee? booo! i have a long memory and i vote.

ronald zimansli

15XX MINNEHAHA AVE E  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I feel that these companies charge an over amount..on the garbage bill..they fee us to death..My husband and I are on Social Security..these high priced bills are killing my finances..it's not fair..to anyone else to pay for these high fees..PLEASE DO NOT MAKE OUR BILKS HIGH WITH THESE HIGH FEES.. KATIE JARVIS

Katie JARVIS



20XX BUSH AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Jane, I wanted to let you know about conversations I'm seeing in the community about Organized Trash Collection.

A post was put up on nextdoor.com three days ago. There are currently 58 replies.\* This large number of replies to a post is unusual. The matter is apparently touchy for some, as conversations got much more intense that I would have thought possible on this topic. Some info. about the post:

- Out of all of the people replying, only one person is saying he is ok with paying more for OTC.
- Definitely the vast majority do not want the high prices currently on the table. Whether or not they support OTC, people want a better rate, especially if they will have no choice in hauler or ability to comparison shop.
- Several times, community members have urged those complaining to contact you. I'm hopeful that you are hearing from your constituents, so that you are hearing what we in the community are hearing.

Thanks,  
Julie

\*Some neighbors have made more than one comment.

PS: Another post, which is against OTC yearly \$52 maintenance fee to City, went up today. There are currently two comments on that post, neither is positive toward OTC yearly maintenance fee.

**From:** skygren@comcast.net [mailto:skygren@comcast.net]

**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 2:43 PM

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

**Subject:** Trash collection

Jane,

Please vote "No" for city trash collection. People don't want to shell out more than they are already paying for private trash company collection. We need that free market competition.

Jim Nygren

Sent from XFINITY Connect Mobile App

From: Leslie Tunstall [mailto:lectunstall54@aol.com]  
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 3:04 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: MUNICIPAL TRASH COLLECTION

Dear Jane Prince.

I SUPPORT SUPPORT SUPPORT the initiative to consolidate trash collection as a municipal service, covered in taxes, that eliminates this catastrophic archaic 1878 system of multiple private providers. We are only about a century late getting onto this train as compared to other major metropolitan cities.

I see NO reason that all current private haulers should be included. The efficiencies that should be achievable by consolidation should eliminate approx 95% of the bloodsucking scavenging bottom feeders currently in that line of business. My suggestion is, pick the best, most efficient 3 haulers, consolidate them into one, given them a city-wide contract that will reduce everyone's rates and vastly improve efficiency while also reducing air pollution, truck traffic, road wear and tear and a host of other ills, and call it a day. Tell the whiners and complainers that they need to join the 20th century, not to mention the 21st.

Type setting and horse shodding are also going out of business in case they haven't heard.

I am in favor of one trash collector for the neighborhood. I am tired of hearing trash trucks every morning up and down the alley. It would be nice just to have them come and do the whole street at once

Tom lemon  
20XX 4th st e  
Sent from my iPad

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I am sharing my perspective on the trash disposal situation. The proposed changes would absolutely double my current cost. I repeat: My costs would double. I am perfectly satisfied with my trash service: My trash server is timely, the costs are reasonable, and I do not mind other trash company's trucks going up and down the alley.

I am not categorically opposed to a regulated market; I understand there can sometimes be reasons for doing this. However, I do not have any complaints with my service and I will complain (loudly!!) if the plan as outlined above moves forward.

Thank you for your representation, Jay Rohrer

Jay Rohrer

17XX MINNEHAHA AVE E

Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Andrew Mitchell

17XX BEECH ST

Saint Paul, MN 55106

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That's over double what we pay and we are guaranteed our rate indefinitely. We actually negotiated a lesser rate 2 years from when we moved here 8 years ago.

Kevin Wolter

21XX REANEY AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Leave our trash service alone. Worry about other problems that is more important. We don't need anymore rights taken away from us.

Edward Morrisette

9XX MARGARET ST  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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When the government gets involved with things it gets complicated and expensive. It takes away people's options

Cindy Beddow

4XX BURLINGTON RD  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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This is another example of government interfering with private enterprise at the expense of the taxpayer. Surely you cannot vote for this and consider yourself a true representative of Ward 7. Please be our voice and encourage others on the council to do the same for their constituents.

Jack Peterson

17XX LOUISE AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I looked up the 2016 population of St Paul and it is over 300,000. What is the city going to do with 15-18 million dollars? I am in shock that the city thinks citizens are so stupid to buy this abuse of power. Jane, I encourage you to vote against this poor use of its citizens hard earned money. What has happened to free enterprise, democracy and the people's right to make decisions for their own lives? I feel like I am living in a socialist city. I can't wait until Mayor Coleman is gone.

Jane, please listen to your citizens. Be transparent. If the majority of those you represent truly want this new way of collecting trash tell us--if the majority do not want this new way of collecting trash--tell us and vote accordingly.

Barbara Osthus

5X BATES AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55106

I have lived on 3rd St. E. in St. Paul since 2001 and have had the same trash hauler the entire time. They have provided great service at a fair price. If I have problems or issues with their pricing I can negotiate or choose a new competitor. Now the City is going to tell me what to do with my trash and charge me a \$52 tax for cart maintenance on top of it????

What is broken? The majority of homeowners do not want this. VOTE NO!

Talk/listen to actual home owners in your ward (or city wide for that matter) and you will hear clearly that we don't want this. I talk to numerous neighbors everyday (yes, a legitimate sub sample) and I have spoken to not one neighbor who agrees with or wants this. VOTE NO!

Brian Gove

21XX 3rd Street East

St. Paul

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

From: Jenny Jerikovsky [mailto:jjerikovsky@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 6:43 PM

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

Subject: Organized trash collection.

WE DON'T WANT IT!!! It's a waste of our tax dollars. Stop trying force this upon us. There are five different school busses that drive down my street twice a day. I live on a one block street. Does that mean we should have organized bus pick up? Those busses cause more damage to the street then the three trash haulers do. We have the right to choose. Don't take that away from us.

Jenny Jerikovsky

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David Eberhardt

1XX MCKNIGHT RD N  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Hi Jane,

You are not my council member but I thought that I would introduce myself. My name is Laura Kackman, daughter of Jim Thoele. He was a staunch Republican. He always voted that way. Until he heard about and met you. As far as I know you are the only Democrat that he voted for!

When he moved to Maplewood last May he told me he called your office and told you that he would help campaign for you even though he didn't live in St. Paul anymore. I would have voted for you if I could based on what he told me about you.

I don't know if you know this, but my Dad sadly passed away last August 26th. The very day that Ron Ryan Jr., Tim Jones and K9 Laser lost their lives! I was wearing a tee shirt honoring them like I always do. When I put the shirt on I wondered to myself, if I would be honoring another hero, my Dad on this day also.

I know that he would have been totally against the idea of Organized Trash Collection! So PLEASE vote no on this in his honor!

I have emailed my representative Dan Bostrom about my own displeasure.

Thank you in advance.

Sincerely,  
Laura Kackman  
21XX East Rose Avenue  
St. Paul, MN. 55129

Sent from my iPad



I am not in favor of a city run trash collection.

Although I do understand less wear and tear in the roads -less wear and tear should equal less not more money. I now would have less power and less money. 50 administration fee? Come on! Your smallest fee is more than we pay now. Now if I am unhappy I can negotiate or change providers or haul my own trash!

Please let my vote be heard

Thanks

Mary Howard

16XX Margaret St 55106

Sent from my iPhone

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this is bullshit. in the private sector it would called racketeering, or cornering the market, the same tactic the mafia used for years to control certain markets and union contracts. they even have a legal statute that came of it called RICO. can we charge the city under the RICO act, because i know damn well if the shoe were on the other foot they sure the fuck would be charging us under it.

derek burr

17XX 5TH ST E

Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Toni Thomas

9XX MARGARET ST

Saint Paul, MN 55106

**From:** gogoheather76 [mailto:gogoheather76@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:15 AM

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

**Subject:** Trash choice

To whom it may concern;

Please know that our family among others on the East side are not happy about the upcoming trash change service.

I have finally found a local company that does wonderful service for a great price which I have used for the past 6 years. Our family budget is tight and we stretch every dollar.

Please reconsider making choices for me and other families. What works for everyone does NOT work for everyone.

Concerned East Side Resident,  
Heather Gates

Councilperson Prince,

We are 40 year residents of the Battle Creek neighborhood.

I pick up trash every morning on my walk - Ruth Street to Suburban to White Bear Av.

We care about our neighborhood!

We want to keep trash hauling the way it is.

We prefer being able to choose our hauler and costs.

Keep the city out of garbage collection! Private haulers do a fine job and the system is competitive. Competition is good for the consumer.

Government control? **NO!!**

Please vote against the proposed change in garbage collection for the city of St. Paul.

Ronald and Margaret Swenson

19XX Ebertz Court 55119

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I'm fine with what I pay now. I can't afford to pay more.

Paula Ramirez

4XX TOWER ST

Saint Paul, MN 55119

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

From: Gail Kaspr [mailto:gailkaspr@yahoo.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:49 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: Trash

I do not believe it is the governments job to involve themselves in who we have as our trash haulers. I believe it is just another way to get " fees " from the tax payers. Please Do not let this go through. My husband and I are on a fixed income, and cannot afford to keep paying all your tax raises. You are pushing us out of our home.

Thank you  
Kasprzyk's  
Sent from my iPad

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Xia Yang

21XX 6TH ST E  
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Hello Councilmember Prince,

I just wanted to weigh in in favor of the proposed organized trash collection agreement. I'm disappointed that it doesn't include Labor peace, but the wage floor requirements are a good start, and I feel hopeful that it will reduce illegal dumping, which is one of my main concerns. (Also nice that it includes pickup of Christmas trees!)

Sincerely,  
Sarah Sinderbrand  
18XX Bush Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55119

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I definitely cannot afford more increased rates for garbage hauling.

Maureen Bibro

4XX GERMAIN ST

Saint Paul, MN 55106

From: Andrew Ledman [mailto:andrew.ledman@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:37 PM

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

Subject: Trash collection.

I live in Saint Paul and am very much against the citywide trash collection. Rates will increase and unless a better deal can be worked out I think citizens would be getting a poor deal.

Thank you,

Andrew Ledman

Janet Trost  
1384 Woodbridge  
Opposed to trash proposal because it will cost too much.

Betty Bowlan  
945 Front Ave.  
A senior citizen and concerned about the increase in price for organized trash proposal. Currently pays \$47 a quarter including taxes.

Lucille Stiever  
1480 Chattsworth St. N.  
Could the garbage hauler issue be put to a public vote? Hearing from a lot of people in her neighborhood that the new rates are too expensive for low income people. Can the people have a say in this? Likes the idea of less garbage trucks and keeping small businesses in operation, however. Recycling changes have been an issue as they have a narrow alley and the recycling trucks run over gardens and lawns.

Linda Leyman  
1102 Jackson St.  
Please vote no on trash changes. Satisfied with service as it is now. Would like the city to be divided so that only one garbage truck would be in each neighborhood once a week. Current proposal costs too much.

Anonymous

Lives on the east side of Saint Paul. Would like to stay with the current system. Opposes and city takeover and increased rates.

Roger Scroll

1481 Arundel St.

Opposing garbage hauling changes.

Laurie Lasert

Do not like changes and does not want to pay more. Wants to keep existing trash system and opposes government takeover.

Cheryl Bergman

Is a widow and the proposed trash program would create a financial hardship on a lot of people. Government has no businesses deciding trash haulers and opposes the change.

Cheryl Fredson

Oppose government taking over and likes current trash hauler. Government has enough fingers in enough pies and should stay out of people's trash.

Ann

550 California Ave. E

Please vote against trash hauling changes. Happy with service as it is and don't want an increase in cost.

Mary Brent

Opposed to coordinated collection because it will end up costing more.

From: Jpietrow@yahoo.com [mailto:Jpietrow@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 5:54 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Let me make my own decision on garbage disposal. I am happy with my carrier and the price.

Julie Leitner

1459 JULIET AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: mswens1@yahoo.com [mailto:mswens1@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 6:00 PM

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I don't need to pay any more for Garbage collection. Also I don't believe the prices are sustainable and will go up quickly just like street maintenance fees.

Mary Swenson

1131 BOWDOIN ST

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: clfunes@yahoo.com [mailto:clfunes@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 23, 2017 7:21 PM

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St Paul is messing with people's lively hood. Keep our garbage hauling free Enterprise, do not limit our right to free choice.

Cindy Funes

1446 SCHEFFER AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: tdyrhaug@aol.com [mailto:tdyrhaug@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 9:44 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3



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RIDICULOUS. If it isn't broken do not fix it.

TIM DYRHAUG

1971 BAYARD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: pmedic1046@yahoo.com [mailto:pmedic1046@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:51 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

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You are going to fee us and tax us out of our beloved city. Any time government takes services over we the tax payers and residents lose.

Mark Weiberg

1740 JAMES AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: wechsmeister@yahoo.com [mailto:wechsmeister@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:31 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

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Larry Wechsler

1961 ROME AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: sharebear55116@yahoo.com [mailto:sharebear55116@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:57 PM

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This is the United States of America!! I have MY RIGHTS as a Citizen ! No one can tell the people whom they may or may not have for garbage haulers!!!! If this crazy crap, along with all the other crazy crap that the City/GOV comes us with, I see no need to vote for any City Members like you, as I have in the past. Enough is ENOUGH. I have called your office CHRIS to speak with you a number of times! Seems like you have MORE IMPORTANT ISSUES to attend to than to call your Constituent back. Very Sad, Very Sad. So we are just suppose to take this and give up, yet another "RIGHT" of "OURS?" You had better re-think about just what you are doing. Let the Small Business People Keep THEIR OWN JOBS!!! STOP thinking that we don't have rights! Sharon Bohl Call me please for the 15th time of asking you.

Sharon Bohl

1898 MUNSTER AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Sue Shetka [mailto:magicpiano2@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 5:34 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash

July 25, 2017

TO: Councilmember Chris Tolbert

FROM: Susan Kohls Shetka (1285 Osceola Ave.)

I'm hearing from folks that organized trash will cost senior citizens more money for solid waste collection. If this is the case, then I'm opposed to Organized Trash collection unless senior citizens 62 and older receive a substantial senior discount. By the way, as per my 2017 Property Tax Statement, I already am being charged for Recycling & **Solid Waste (even though I/we all pay private trash haulers to collect our solid waste, not collected by the City)**. So, there's no reason for that proposed fee of **over \$100.00 for the City to collect my solid waste that's not currently being collected.**

**It's time you stop overtaxing Saint Paul property owners.**

Your attention and action regarding this issue will be greatly appreciated by all property owners.

Thank You.

From: Benge001@comcast.net [mailto:Benge001@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 6:59 PM

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At 66 and near retirement I do not need these mandatory changes that cost me more. Please consider your aging constituents. Also. We do not need any new costly transport systems to the airport. Current bus and other systems are fine.

Tom Bengel

1720 COLVIN AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: John.w.goering@gmail.com [mailto:John.w.goering@gmail.com]

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We have enough problems with poor service for recycling, don't expand an already failing system.  
John Goering  
1584 BEECHWOOD AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: kathybraga8@centurylink.net [mailto:kathybraga8@centurylink.net]

Sent: Wednesday, July 26, 2017 7:05 AM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward3

Cc: \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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With 2018 property taxes out of control, please do not add to our financial burdens. But the thing that really angers me is my right to choose being taken away. Enough.

Kathy Braga

1921 JULIET AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

**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

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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  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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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  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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April Starr

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

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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  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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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 Denkinger  
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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  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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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  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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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  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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john rogne

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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 opinion, 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 reasonable 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 realize that owning 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 feasible 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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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

\*\*\*\*\*AND\*\*\*\*\*

**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 6:00 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash collection

Dear Councilperson Stark,

As your employer and constituent, I would like to make a final plea to end your part in a heavy handed attempt for government control over trash hauling. I have messaged you previously with one appalling response where you attempted to notify me that you and the rest of the council actually new better when it comes to this issue and that it will simply happen like it or not.

Clearly by show of the fact that you had to delay the vote due to heavy opposition by citizens it shows that you do not know better and you are simply trying to move this forward for greedy, self serving and controlling reasons.

The city of St. Paul has shown it's ineffective control and management of street maintenance in the winter, time and time again, in addition to many other "controlled" services for which you still embarrassingly charge/assess the citizens. What makes you think you are now the expert when it comes to trash hauling? or that you can do any better than what exists??

I respectfully ask you to stop this action. Isn't it bad enough what we are facing in Washington right now.....does St. Paul politics really have to mirror it?

Helen McIntyre

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**Sent:** Friday, July 14, 2017 2:00 AM  
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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

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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 junky 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>  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@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>  
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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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My property taxes went up 18% this year. How much longer do you think your constituents can take such outrageous increases? Doing anything that isn't tilted towards solving the hole in the budget created by the street and alley fee, is nothing more than tilting at windmills. You've already gotten into bed with the country's holder of the biggest FEC fine, Bill McGuire, to build a soccer stadium. Don't ruin the small business owners that give us the services we now have.

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 is 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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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>  
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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>  
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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

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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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

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<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)

Tom Scaramuzzo – Como Park Resident asking that Russ please support the plan for organized trash collection. This is a bigger issue than even Russ knows. Thank you.

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.

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Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 9:36 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Cc: Henningson, Samantha (CI-StPaul) <samantha.henningson@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
Subject: St. Paul Garbage Plan

Good morning -

My name is Ellen Benavides and I'm one of your constituents in St. Anthony Park.

I applaud your leadership in finding a way to reduce the number of garbage haulers in St. Paul. Thank you!

My alley neighbors and I agreed to use one garbage hauler 2 years ago—the Garbage Man — and have been very happy with the experience.

I'm writing to express my concern about the cost of the proposed plan, which is much more expensive than what we've negotiated.

I'd also like to know if your proposal includes removing yard waste, which I happily pay a bit extra for in order to have the 2nd bin and weekly removal.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Thanks.

Ellen Benavides  
2349 Commonwealth Avenue  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 8:14 AM  
**To:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram <AllInProgram@ci.stpaul.mn.us>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
<Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** coordinated collection

I was unable to attend the meeting on Wednesday evening. I'd like to share my opposition to coordinated collection, primarily because it takes away my right to choose my provider, but also because of the significant increase in pricing.

I'm pleased the City is working with the consortium of independent trash haulers. I am a big advocate of small business! I currently have excellent service from Ken Berquist & Son, Inc. They never miss a pick-up, they always return my trash bin to the same spot near my garage, and they are friendly and helpful with I need to call them or talk with the drivers.

I am unhappy that the proposed pricing means the cost of my trash collection will increase 44%, an additional \$100+, per year for the same services I have today.

I am diligent about recycling and faithful to take organic waste to the waste sites rather than placing it in the trash. I currently have the smallest trash bin available and generally fill it only half way each

week. Under the proposed pricing, even if I choose to have my trash picked up every other week, I'll still incur an increase of over \$70 per year.

I believe that having a choice among haulers keeps them competitive both in pricing and in service. A good example of what happens when there is not competition is the low quality service we get from Eureka for our recycling.

I'd like the City Council to drop their plans for coordinated collection completely.

Thanks for your time.  
Leanne Baldwin  
1933 Ashland Ave.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 4:31 PM  
**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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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'm very concerned about this garbage hauling system. Although I do agree that reducing the number of garbage trucks going down streets and alleys is a good thing, the costs outweigh the benefits. In particular, the pricing structure disproportionately affects those who can least afford it. I'm a college writing tutor who bought a house in the Midway five years ago (I've lived in the area since attending Hamline in '05-08); I make about \$22,000/year, and the cheapest option under this plan will increase my rates while providing me with less frequent pick-ups than I currently have (not to mention that my current hauler, Pete's, has fantastic customer service, something I am concerned I will lose if I am assigned a different hauler). And I know there are many in this city for whom money is much tighter than it is for me. Although there are likely

good ways to reduce street wear, Saint Paul should stick to options that do not penalize low-income residents with higher rates.

A lesser but still valid issue for me is that it also penalizes households that strive to reduce their waste.

And third, although it is not at all clear to me how this will play out, I am concerned that it will impede small businesses, such as my current garbage hauler, Pete's, more than larger businesses; I initially had Aspen, but when my rates continually went up I did research and switched to Pete's. Now I will not have that option. Although I am not entirely opposed to reducing citizen choice for good cause, I am not convinced that this system is a good cause.

David Lueth

1808 BLAIR AVE  
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Cc:** Kirk Wythers <kirk.wythers@gmail.com>  
**Subject:** Organized garbage hauling

Russ and Samantha:

Kirk and I were talking about the organized trash hauling plan last night and would like to add our comments to the discussion underway.

We see a rationale for organized trash hauling, so long as the small haulers we support, like Pete's Rubbish, have a seat at the table and can continue to provide services to St. Paul residents. But we question the currently proposed cost structure because from our perspective, it will increase costs for (therefore penalize) the very people you want to incentivize and reward: the folks who avidly recycle, compost and generally try to make less trash. Sharon Digby's comments in today's Strib article resonated with us.

Our choices: We recycle. A lot. Beyond alley pick up of recyclables, we put used Kleenex and paper towels, cotton balls, tissue paper, dryer lint and all manner of other recyclables in a compostable bag and when filled, we take it up to the drop off site at Macalester. We carry our own bags to the grocery store and when we do use paper and plastic from stores, every bag gets a second (and typically third and fourth and fifth) use. We have a 35 gallon trash can from Pete's, the smallest we can get. We pay about \$60 every three months for Pete's to pick up our trash once a week.

Under the proposed plan: If we want the same level of service, we will pay \$24.40 per month (\$73.20 every three months) plus a \$52 administrative fee. So our garbage costs will go up \$65 per year.

We would appreciate it if you could come up with a cost structure that doesn't increase costs for the folks who are already trying to do the right thing by reducing their contributions to the waste stream. We also ask you to redesign the cost structure to provide an option for people currently sharing services, particularly if it helps folks on a fixed or reduced income.

Thank you.

Alyssa Rebensdorf  
Kirk Wythers  
2096 Lincoln Avenue

## After heated hearing, St. Paul City Council delays vote on trash plan

By [FREDERICK MELO](#) | [fmelo@pioneerpress.com](mailto:fmelo@pioneerpress.com) | Pioneer Press

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The St. Paul City Council will spend the next week mulling over the latest proposal for organized residential trash collection, which has received mixed reaction from residents and haulers.

Following a heavily attended public hearing, the council chose Wednesday to hold off on voting on whether to enter into final negotiations for [a five-year or seven-year contract with the city's 15 private haulers](#), a proposal hammered out across nearly 11 months of difficult negotiations.

The hearing drew 23 speakers in opposition and 18 in support. A council vote likely will take place July 26.

The proposal — which has yet to be finalized — would charge all St. Paul homeowners rates of \$21 to \$32 per month, depending upon barrel size, on top of an annual administrative fee of \$52 that has drawn many questions. Residents may not opt out of trash service.

City officials say the plan would save the typical homeowner \$35 to \$52 a year off their existing trash bills, but **several residents said they pay far less than that or share services with neighbors, which would no longer save them money.**

“The thing that is ... missing from this agreement is the shared-services option,” said Council Member Amy Brendmoen.

**“To those who only create a very small amount of trash, to me that’s probably the biggest issue that we have to keep grappling with,”** said Council President Russ Stark.

But the negative environmental impact of having multiple haulers per day service a single alley is undeniable, Stark added. “A large majority of my constituents that I have heard from want to see this happen,” he said.

Some residents said for both aesthetic and environmental reasons, they look forward to seeing one garbage truck serve their alley, instead of as many as 10 or 11 different haulers. “It is the absolutely most inefficient system there is,” said Debbie Prokopf, a resident of South Como.

Proponents said the proposal — which covers the collection of three bulk items such as refrigerators and televisions per year at no extra charge — could cut down on illegal dumping, an eyesore and safety hazard.

“Once a month at least, I am physically removing mattresses, chairs, bags of trash,” said Patricia Ohmans, director of the Frogtown Green program, which advocates for green spaces in the Thomas-Dale neighborhood.

Highland Park resident Andrew Krchik said he represented 17 neighbors opposed to the plan, including seven who share carts, some of them seniors. “This is going to be a snafu,” he said.

Hamline-Midway resident Stephanie Digby said she sells online any bulk items she doesn’t need, and the proposal effectively asks her to pay higher rates to subsidize large item collection for homeowners who do not.

“Why should I support people who are wasteful?” Digby said. “Why should I pay to support people who are environmentally irresponsible?”

In an interview, Patrick Connolly, who is part of a four-unit condo association that shares three carts, questioned why the city needs such a large administrative fee to buy new carts when most residences already have their own.

“It’s \$52 more per unit for the administrative fee, plus our (monthly rates) go up 25 percent,” said Connolly, who works for a public affairs group that has advocated against organized trash collection on behalf of the larger haulers.

Council Member Dan Bostrom noted that monthly rates are at least \$15 lower in Maplewood, which began coordinated trash collection in 2012. Republic services the entire city, charging homeowners \$6.61 to \$13.07 per month after taxes and fees. There is no annual administrative fee, though bulk items cost extra. The Maplewood contract does not mandate a labor peace agreement.



“Now I’ve got a real problem here,” said Bostrom, who said he was otherwise not opposed to the general goal of a unified system. “We do have more work to do on this.”

Chris Swanson, Maplewood’s environmental and city code specialist, responded to a reporter’s inquiry by noting, however, that all the single-family homes in the suburb of just over 40,000 residents can be serviced with three trucks.

“St. Paul is a larger city with significantly more collection challenges than Maplewood,” said Swanson, in an email. “Just the act of picking up in alleys adds time and costs to the route, not even mentioning the number of winding old neighborhood streets or homes that cannot be collected in the alley and would take a separate pickup.”

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**From:** Alyssa Rebensdorf  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 8:28 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** 'Kirk Wythers'  
**Subject:** RE: Organized garbage hauling

Bad math (they say never let the lawyers do the math). Worse outcome than I first calculated. A \$13.00 increase every 3 months = a \$52 annual increase for same level of service, plus the \$52 admin fee. So, it will cost us \$104 more to have our small can of trash collected. Tell us why we, as garbage minimalists and diligent recyclers and composters, should support this?

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 20, 2017 1:15 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us>  
**Subject:** City Wide Trash Service

Councilman Stark,

I wanted to voice my concerns on the proposed city wide trash proposal.

Our first concern is customer service. Currently, if we are not happy with our hauler (which I am) I could easily switch to another provider. If the city appoints one hauler, there is no accountability. Similar to the roll out of the new recycling bins... poor service? Too bad. Our daughter went almost a month before her recycling was picked up; with little help from her phone calls.

Second is the price increase. Before all of the talk of city wide collection, we paid \$17 per month including taxes. Now with the idea of unified trash, our hauler has already started raising their rates to

be more competitive with other companies. I am sure I will paying double (or more) by the time everything is settled.

Another concern is the built-in large item charge. Quite frankly, I don't see why we should have to pay for someone else's frequent tossing. In the over 30 years we have lived here, we only had large items picked up three times. With the new plan, I will be paying for 1 item every year?!!! I don't think this will cut down on the illegal dumping, because someone who has used up their one item will still dump on someone else's property.


All in all, the same amount of trash is being picked up, but someone will be getting richer at the expense of the tax payer.

Shari Denkinger  
1704 Blair Avenue

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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

Sent: Thursday, July 20, 2017 10:38 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Emily Mumford

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From: Clint Pidlubny  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 12:26 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Organized Trash pickup

Hello Russ,

I want to thank you and the council for taking up this topic. I live in Desnoyer Park and I am a big supporter of organized pickup. I have counted at least 7 different companies that currently service our tiny neighborhood. That is wasteful energy being spent.

I hope that you support this improvement to our city services.

Kind regards,  
Clint Pidlubny

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 5:18 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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This change will cost me OVER \$250 more than my AWESOME trash haulers I have now and have had for over 25 years! We are NOT happy with the proposal for the takeover. It will cost us all at LEAST \$200 more for each of us.

Rebecca Trampe

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 6:10 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Jim Gruber

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Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 6:11 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: trash collection

Dear Mr. Stark,  
My name is Jim Mackey. I do not favor the city run trash collection agreement. I share collection with my neighbor. This proposal would double my expense for trash collection.  
I urge you to vote no.

Respectfully,  
Jim Mackey

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**From:** Jon Pendergrast  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 7:13 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection

Dear Councilman,

I am in favor of this proposal. My garage roof is regularly hit by one of the multitude of garbage trucks that come through our alley each week. Maybe if there were just one truck a week, I wouldn't have to duct tape my fascia back together every week. One time, the entire roof was knocked over by 2 feet and I had to have carpenters fix it.

Thank you.  
Jon Pendergrast

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**From:** Tim Schleicher  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 7:48 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection

Dear Council President Stark,

I commend the city in their effort to provide city-wide organized trash collection. I appreciate that organized collection will reduce illegal dumping, reduce truck traffic and reduce air pollution.

However, I firmly believe the new system should provide a stronger incentive to reduce waste by offering a smaller-sized trash container.

Since our two-person household composts or recycles most of our waste, we never fill our 35-gallon container; on most weeks, it's less than a quarter full. Certainly, there are many others in the city who are also in this situation and would like to save on their monthly trash bill by using a smaller container.

The "every-other-week" option is a good start, but I don't think it goes far enough. The estimated cost of this option is almost exactly the same as what we're paying now: \$76.99 for 3 months with Ken Berquist and Son vs. \$76.47 for 3 months of "every-other-week" service under the 5-year contract. I understand the new service will also offer bulk and tree pick-up, which we wouldn't use. So, from my perspective, my family is paying the same for half the service.

I urge you to include in the agreement with trash haulers a requirement to offer a trash container that is smaller than 32-35 gallons in size.

Thank you for listening!  
Tim Schleicher

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**From:** Kevin Sweeney  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:05 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash collection

Hi Russ,

**I vote for a coordinated plan if it reduces air, noise and 'weight' pollution, as well as my bill.**

Each week I see 4 different garbage trucks rumble down my alley - that is a lot of air, noise and 'weight' pollution to inflict on an alley! Those trucks are HEAVY and the alley pays the price. Speaking about 'price', I would hope that a coordinated pickup plan would result in a good (fair) price for all customers.

My current bill, for 3 months service with Advanced Disposal, for a .30YD container is as follows:

Trash standard Service	66.00	
Fuel surcharge	6.89	
Environmental fee	10.73	THERE
WAS A NOTE ON MY BILL STATING:		
RR city environmental chg	23.41	
MNrsWasteManagementTax9.75%	8.15	

**You may see an increase on your next invoice**

**Total    \$115.18**

Thank you,  
Kevin Sweeney

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**From:** Anita Kore  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:11 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection plan

Dear Mr. Stark,

I am very much in favor of such a plan for myself. I am currently an Advanced Disposal customer paying \$632 annually for a 35 gallon weekly pickup service. The future fee as last proposed would be \$344.80 for this service, but I'd likely drop to an every other week plan for \$305.32 annually. I am also looking forward to large piece pickup options. I am hoping your proposed fees are final numbers, not having added fees, fuel subsidies, or taxes added to them.

I am very aware of discrepancy in what Advanced Disposal charges customers for the same size container based on what I'm seeing in the discussion of this plan and want that stopped.

I have previously lived in areas where trash services are provided by the city, so really miss that - those services were part of our property taxes and became deductible for me on income taxes. I'm hoping this same plan would provide that deduction.

Sincerely,

Anita M. Kore

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**From:** Patricia Kane  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:58 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection

Dear Councilman Stark,

My husband and I strongly support the change to an organized trash hauling system in Saint Paul. We are tired of having so many different companies' trucks coming down our alley, causing wear and tear to the alleys, and contributing to air and noise pollution. It seems like this should be a service that the city is involved in coordinating. We will be very disappointed if the proposed agreement is not approved.

Thank you,  
Patricia Kane and Joel Rudney

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**From:** Erin Andrews  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:27 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection in Saint Paul - Yard Waste



I have been a resident of the West Como neighborhood for 15 years. I am very happy with my current trash collector (Aspen Waste).

I have provided feedback on organized trash collection throughout the process with surveys and emails. I am for keeping privatized trash collection in place, but understand that I will not have that choice in the future. I have read the proposed plan and noticed that it does not mention yard waste collection options.

I would like to be ensured that my current choice of services will not be reduced with this new plan. In particular, I would like to know that all St. Paul neighborhoods will have the payed option to have a yard waste (grass, leaves and sticks) cart with a weekly pick up schedule (April-November), like I currently do through Aspen Waste. I do not want to go back to hauling my yard waste over to the city yard waste site every week. Many of my neighbors also have yard waste carts though their trash collectors.

Will a weekly yard waste cart pick up be an option with the new organized trash collection plan?

Thank you,  
Erin Andrews

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**From:** chris harkness  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:39 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward5  
**Subject:** Organized garbage collection

Dear Councilmember Stark:

I read in the Pioneer Press that you have heard from more supporters than non-supporters of City managed garbage collection. Please register my non-support of this proposal. In the attached photo you can see the garbage bin I currently use. It is smaller than the 35 gal city-issued recycling bin that I put out half-full every two or three weeks. My garbage, collected weekly, consists of a half-full kitchen garbage bag per week and I pay no more than \$15/month. Twice in the twelve plus years I have contracted with my current hauler I have had items too big to fit in the bin. Both times I called ahead and the items were collected as requested. I have never had a Christmas tree and have no plans to have one in the future. I have a good relationship with my family-owned hauler and I wish to remain their customer. They drive a small truck and have run up to the house to collect on the handful of times I have forgotten to put out the bin. If I am forced into the proposed city-managed operation, I will be paying more for less service than I currently have, assuming I choose the every-two-week option. Since I discard cat litter every week, I would rather have every week pick up, which would cost me even more.

I have been to the meetings hosted by MacGroveland and I understand some the arguments stated for moving to organized collection, but I believe that city-managed collection is not the best way. If people are concerned about lots big noisy trucks they can organize with their neighbors so they contract with just one or two haulers with smaller trucks. (Residents with alleys already coordinate snowplowing.) I resent the fact that a couple of district councils have the power to impose their will on the rest of the city. District councils would do a better service, I believe, if they held vendor fairs where their residents

could gather information from the haulers and network with neighbors to choose the solution that best fits their neighborhood circumstances. I also think that district councils and the City could put more effort into informing residents that they currently must contract with haulers and use acceptable ways of disposing of garbage and bulky items. I find it interesting that one of the problems organized collection is supposed to solve is illegal dumping. If people don't contract with garbage haulers now because it costs too much, how will charging more for pickup help them?

If the City is committed to managing organized garbage collection, then it should do a better job providing lower cost options and incentives to reduce consumer waste overall. Personally, I think there are bigger problems on which the City should spend its resources than organized trash collection.

Thank you for the work you do.  
Best regards,  
Chris

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:56 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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I share garbage with a neighbor or take to work. I should not be forced to pay for something I will not use!

Kay Eiyneck

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 11:48 AM  
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I am more concerned about murders that happen in our alleys than the garbage hauler the city wants to employ. I am happy with my provider that we have had for 25 years.

Nanette Price Loucks

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**From:** Michelle Malone  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 12:27 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection in Saint Paul

I am utterly AGAINST this plan. It will TRIPLE MY BILL and add ANOTHER TAX in a city that is already tax crazy. The city council is continually shoving these changes and stadiums and taxes down our throats. And always at the last minute so we rarely have any time to respond. We had a perfectly good system in place in St Paul and it should have been left alone. I don't think any of you have any real idea the true impact on the citizens or the trash haulers, nor do I think you care. Amazing how easy it is to spend other peoples money.

Vote NO on organized trash collection!

Michelle Malone

**From:** Michelle Malone  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 4:09 PM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Hauling

Another point, **why didn't a letter go out to every household in St Paul detailing this change** long before the vote? Government cannot rely on the newspapers and internet to communicate with it's citizens. Many elderly and poor do not read the papers and do not own a computer. Who does this boondoggle affect the most? The elderly and poor.

Vote NO on organized trash hauling!

Michelle Malone

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**From:** Tom Voegele  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:21 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** St Paul Trash Hauling Plan

I am very disappointed that St Paul is continuing to move forward with the organized trash hauling plan.

I should have the choice to do business with whomever I choose.

It would be nice for the citizens to be able to vote on such issues.

You alone should not be able to determine how I spend my money.

Thomas Voegele

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Specifically for my family, under your new government-take-over system, our garbage costs would actually double. If we had any problems with our service, we would NOT be given any choices. We have been with Ken Berquist and sons for many years - through several moves, and are very happy with their service and prices.

What also bothers me is that the city is now concerned with my ally... the same ally that WE PERSONALLY PAY TO PLOW in the winter, because the city hasn't figure out how to get done what it's supposed to do - public safety and transportation needs. Meddling in garbage service is unnecessary.

Leslie Rosedahl

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**From:** ELAINE  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 1:53 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** organized trash collection

I'm writing in opposition of this effort. It benefits the big haulers and chucks the small businesses out the door. It increases prices for less service (yes, it does – I did the math). This is like the parking meters on Grand. Trees, not the forest. If someone doesn't start acting on behalf of the taxpayers in St. Paul they/we will leave – do you really want a city of only college students and low income housing? That seems to be the direction.

Elaine Weber Nelson

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 2:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** COORDINATED TRASH COLLECTION

Council Member Stark,

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 Pflugi

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From: Kristi Chan  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 2:19 PM

To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Trash collection

Hi Russ,

I do not support organized trash collection for a variety of reasons:

- The cost is much higher than I pay now.
- Tacking on a yearly admin fee is ridiculous. If it costs the city \$50 per household to admin this program, we shouldn't do it.
- Plus, why pay an admin fee when all billing is happening through the garbage hauler?
- I'm not sure how much this will help illegal dumping. How many people who illegally dump garbage are going to legally pay for their garbage?
- Also, we already pay for illegal dumping through our taxes. So will our taxes now go down because of this program?
- If people have to pay for garbage no matter how much they use, this discourages composting and other ways to reduce garbage.
- I worry about the customer service from the company that I now have to use. They have no incentive to do well.

Thank you,  
Kristi Chan

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**From:** bjmahan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 2:21 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** trash collection

Hello Russ,

I think your plans look good 'on paper'. I don't think this will save us any money and actually cost more. I don't want to be assessed/charged for services I don't use now and, currently when I have more trash than my usual weekly bag I can call and the extra is picked up without a problem – extra charge of course. I haven't read where this issue has been addressed. Also, I'm against unionization – unhappy members refuse to pick up trash and we have rats infesting our neighborhoods. I give this attempt at 'reinventing the wheel' a thumbs down.

Bernadette Mahan

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**From:** Laura S.  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 2:36 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Leave trash collection alone!

I do not support this. Right now I pay Highland \$21 a month for the 96 gallon container. If the city takes over, consumers lose the ability to compare prices and do what they want with their trash collection. I don't pay an administrative fee right now and can't afford the \$54 proposed annual fee that will ensue.

There is no legit reason to do this especially if families can't opt out if they are zero waste. I already have basically no choice choosing my cable, internet, and water providers. I won't concede another utility to a single entity having monopoly control!

Sincerely,  
Laura Suess

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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We keep getting hit by fee for whatever this is just wrong. Our alley is not taken care of there are pot holes all the way down the alley. I put flowers behind my garage because city said the vines had to go because they are killer vine. People have trees that hang over and hit our car and weeds. We had an inspector one year that was all way after us and he even stood out in the alley and said he would love to get into our house. We were charged for the city saying they came and mowed our back yard which was a lie, I had just mowed the back yard the day before. I am getting tired of the city charging all these fees.

Helen Woodford

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**From:** Vince Chan  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 3:33 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection



Hello,

I oppose the current Saint Paul city plan for organized trash collection because, including the city admin fee, my rates will be tripling from what they are now.

I feel that the current plan, in an attempt to appease everybody, results in a messy and inefficient solution that is worse than the original problem and which nobody likes.

As a rental property manager, I am aware of many of the local companies and their rates. I can tell you that the prices we are being quoted in our area are far greater than any I've ever had to pay for my properties. Additionally, garbage haulers will often give 'alley discounts' or reduce your bill if there are several locations close by. The rates that are being proposed here do not show any of those reductions. I find that ludicrous.

There are many other reasons to oppose the bill, but I fear that may end in a too-long email that won't get read. Hopefully, by at least bringing up the cost, I can help to urge you to oppose this bill.

Thank you,  
-Vince Chan

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 4:01 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** trash collection

I have had the same garbage collector for 38 years (Gene's) and I am very happy with them. They are fair, easy to work with and reasonable. I am of the belief that the city of Saint Paul does not need to be in the business of garbage collection or spending on it's administration. One thing all residents would probably agree upon is the need to occasionally have a large item picked up/removed for a nominal fee. This was addressed in the ordinance that was about to be passed. It is important, but not important enough to have the city administer the whole package. My quarterly invoice nearly doubled because I put a mattress out. This gives me thoughts of illegal dumping. If all city collectors would allow residents even 1 item/year for free (or even \$10) most residents would be grateful. I do not know how this should be done but I would support an action in this direction. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions email is the best way to reach me.

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 4:18 PM  
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The proposal that St Paul is putting forth is totally unjust. My costs would almost double. THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE!!! I currently have UNLIMITED yard waste removal from my current rubbish hauler. In addition to our normal trash container, they provide me with a 96 gallon container for the yard waste. Any yard waste that doesn't fit in the provided container gets put into paper yard waste bags and they take them at NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE. How will the city handle yard waste removal for the residents. Not everyone has the capability to haul it themselves to a yard waste / composting site. I didn't see anything regarding this in any of the reading that I have done. PLEASE vote NO on this government run monopoly. The residents of St Paul DESERVE the right to choose who hauls their garbage. Please reply to me at castinglass@msn.com regarding my concerns. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Leanne Thom

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**From:** Burke Zimmerman  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 4:35 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized trash hauling

I do not support the current effort to form some sort of public/private trash collection system. I do support the current small business owner operated system in place. I receive good service from a competitive market to get my trash hauled; the city can either compete with the vendors out there or get out of the way.

The city does NOT plow my ally in the winter. I support the city clearing alleys in the winter for public safety reasons. The city does not clear the sidewalks after plows make movement impossible over snow drifts at intersections. I would like this addressed too. The city should not interfere in a functioning private market.

Thank you for your time.

Burke ZimmermanSent

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 5:42 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Many that use this 3 can system do not know what to put in the organic bin The alleys are full of trash cans and there isn't room for cars or vehicles to use the alley. People already don't put the two cans they have away after pickup. What if I don't like the service we receive, there are no other options? All that I see with government involvement is extra cost. I lose the ability to chose a company that I want to do business with. Government should stay out of the trash hauling business. Period.

Mark Kolar

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**From:** Melanie  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:23 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** trash collection rate very steep for folks who share service

Hello,

I live in St. Paul and make very little garbage as does my neighbor with whom I share service. Our bin side is average-small and it would take us a month or more to fill it. In an age where we are trying to consume less for the benefit of the earth, can there be some creativity in allowing for the many of us who have pooled resources? **Right now we both pay \$10/month and that would increase to \$40/month** if we're both assessed the \$20/month charge.

Thank you,  
Melanie McCully

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From: Mary Ellen Clasemann  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 8:38 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Organized Trash Pickup

I am totally against having organized trash pickup. Not only does it infringe on our freedom to choose our own trash hauler, I will be paying considerably more money than I am now. With "organized" trash pickup it also means worse service and continual increases in charges to the customer. They can't loose business because we are being forced to use them. More than likely it will be a huge business with head quarters NOT in Minnesota. Quit closing the small family businesses. So many have already be forced to close thanks to our government. Organized trash pickup is one more step in being a socialist company.

The city has screwed up so much already: a few years ago the city redid our streets. They claimed they "straighten" out our street. They did such a great job the curbing for the driveways were several feet off. Our driveway is on a slant. The way the apron was put on our driveway when they redid our street, the apron is lined up with our porch not our driveway. They screwed up the tree planting in the area as well. They didn't learn from years ago when we lost all our elm trees. So they planted so many ash trees altogether so now again we have blocks with no trees on them. There is a tree on the corner of Holton and Nebraska where a tree on the boulevard is totally blocking the stop sign. The city is supposed to be taking care of the trimming the trees. Plowing during the winter is horrendous. They are 2 feet away from the curbing. No we do not have bump outs on our street. They have taken over the recycling and once again they did not pick up our recycling.

Please respond.

Mary Ellen Clasemann

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From: Mary Ellen Clasemann [mailto:meclasemann@usfamily.net]  
Sent: Friday, July 21, 2017 9:01 PM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: Organized trash hauling

A prime example of the disastrous attempts of the city controlling our decisions on landlines and cable services. We are forced to only have Century link and Comcast as services for phone and cable in St Paul.

The pricing continues to go up, they refuse to do the repairs requested, customer service does not exist all and we get less and less for the increases in the charges because our city took away any chance of them losing any business. No competitors they can do whatever they want, with the cities blessings. Now the city wants to control even more of our lives. It's not freedom to chose it is Socialism.

Our founding fathers of our country had be against monopolies to protect the citizens of our country. Our government gives their blessings left and right on monopolies and hurt the citizens our founding fathers worked so hard to protect.

Mary Ellen Clasemann

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 8:40 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Rob Wheeler

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**From:** Morgan Montgomery  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:17 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized trash

Please make this happen - we do not need multiple trash collectors cruising our alleys weekly. In addition to "bulky items" collection, it would be great if we had a voucher system similar to Minneapolis which would allow for several car/pick-up loads of drop off per year.

Thanks

Morgan Montgomery

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**From:** Tom Burk  
**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:21 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** Tom Burk  
**Subject:** City control of trash collection

Mr Stark,

I am writing to encourage you to further consider an aspect of the proposal under consideration placing oversight of trash collection for St Paul into the hands of the City.

We are among the "unknown number of" citizens who share garbage collection with neighbors. Three families together pay \$80 quarterly. We do this to save money and to be environmentally sensitive. We are able to do this as we diligently recycle whatever is allowed (we share the recycling pickup as well, cutting down on stops by the recycling truck).

While I support reducing garbage truck traffic across the city, I would be disappointed to see people who have already taken it upon themselves to be responsible for efficiently dealing with trash be penalized by a new policy. I spent my career as a natural resource professional and educator and know that smart people can, given appropriate effort, develop smart policies that don't negatively impact citizens that are already doing the right thing for the environment.

Thank you for your attention to my concern,

Dr. Thomas E. Burk

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**Sent:** Friday, July 21, 2017 10:49 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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Our entire block (on both sides of the alley) decided to use one small local garbage hauler, not a big national corporation to reduce traffic in the alley and support local businesses. We want to keep the right to choose a local, responsible hauler, and not be assigned a hauler determined by the city.

Gisela Peters

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**From:** Fred and Linda  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 12:14 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** garbage collection leave it alone

Please keep St. Paul out of the garbage business.  
Don't make my costs go up, which would happen with the current plan.  
Don't force people to buy something they don't want and can't afford.  
And please NO 'FEES  
I don't need another 'can', my works fine.  
I want the good service I have, don't mess it up.

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 7:43 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Why are the fees so high? This will cost me an additional \$72/year for the exact same service.  
Why the huge hike?

Eileen Pedersen

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 7:53 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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This is not saving me money at all! You can not claim that it is when you do not know what some are paying! The annual \$52 fee is ridiculous and is what puts your costs over the top! We pay enough in property taxes without having something additional tacked on.

Had you figured out a better payment system, I would have been more on board, even though our trash haulers are awesome. I understand why the city would like to simplify it, but raising the cost for some/half is not the way to go about it.

Sarah Netzer

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 8:29 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Cheryl Moulton

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**From:** Thomas A Williamson  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:48 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** Julie Oney  
**Subject:** Organized trash collection

Dear Russ,

I support organized trash collection. I like the idea of only having one truck come through our neighborhood each week. It makes sense on lots of levels.

But I am curious about the proposed rates. We currently pay \$19.33 a month for weekly collection of a 65 gallon can. Our new rate will be \$29.76 for the same level of service (plus a \$50 yearly fee to the city).

We have the means to pay this increase and will do so. But I am confused as to why organized collection is so much more expensive than our current disorganized service. One would think it would be cheaper, since the trucks have to drive less and the time for collection is shorter. I am also concerned about the people who will struggle to pay these higher rates. Could the city offer an explanation as to why rates are going up so high?

Thanks,  
Tom Williamson

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:52 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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I ask you to retain the fair market, supply and demand system in place now. I have used several large haulers in the past and was disappointed in their service and lack of customer support. I want the ability to choose my own hauler, and support the small business (Petes Rubbish) who formed a relationship with me through their good service and kind interpersonal skills.

B Kostka

\*\*\*\*\*AND\*\*\*\*\*

From: Brigid Kostka [mailto:tree-seeker@hotmail.com]  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:30 AM  
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
Subject: I do not want government-managed trash services

Dear Mr. Stark,

Thank you for delaying the vote on trash hauling in order to review comments from constituents like me.

I ask you to vote to keep independent trash service as it is - I do not want a government-managed trash system.

Thank you for your service to our community.

Sincerely,

Brigid Kostka

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 12:16 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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This is a Democracy we should have the freedom to choose!

Mary Schwartz

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I have lived in Saint Paul for 19 years and do not need the city to tell me how my garbage needs to be collected. One of the things I liked about Saint Paul when I moved here from Minneapolis was that I had the power to take care of that myself. Please don't take that away.

Michael Shapiro

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**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:12 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Jill Zats

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**From:** Dolores Rufenacht  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 22, 2017 10:50 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** city trash haulers

I would like to see the city organize our trash to be hauled away by one carrier in an alley . Contracting with all of the current trash haulers to do certain areas of St.Paul wouod save on our streets and alley wear and tear. Less trucks going through our alleys woud be wonderful.

Dolores Rufenacht

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**From:** Roxanne Karney  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 10:37 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash Hauling

Good morning,

I would very much appreciate a reconsideration of the plan to force trash hauling on residents of St. Paul. Is there anyone who is speaking up for the elderly and single people who will now be forced to 'subsidize' other larger families by being forced to pay a monthly fee now if such individuals are NOT allowed to share and opt-out?

With rising costs making it difficult for many elderly to stay in and maintain their homes, this is just ine more well meaning edict that will make St. Paul too costly to live in for many residents!

I personally do not have a service as I am a senior citizen, compost and recycle almost all of my waste; I share with a neighbor IF I have anything that needs to be tossed (which usually amounts to one waste basket size of waste from product packaging). I know there are many others like me that have worked hard to recycle and compost and are now going to be penalized!

This goes against the initiative for recycling and composting and if everyone is forced to pay the same amount will just go back to throwing everything out in the trash anyway since they are forced to pay for it anyway!

What is going on?

Thank you!

Roxanne Karney

\*\*\*\*\*AND\*\*\*\*\*

**From:** Roxanne Karney  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:01 AM

**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Forced Trash Hauling

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?***

\*\*\*\*\*AND\*\*\*\*\*

**From:** Roxanne Karney  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 10:06 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Re: Trash Hauling

FYI-

I am not very politically involved but we have a an online neighborhood website for sharing among those of who live in in Merriam Park, MacGroveland and Summit areas and thought you may want to know that people are saying you are definitely for this proposal but are sneaky and will make it appear as if you are concerned in hopes of winning re-election but are actually willing to do anything to get this proposal in place. Don't know if it's true, but if it wre me, I would want to know what people in my district were saying and thinking.

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 11:55 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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The City needs to stay out of our private affairs and for those of us who have awesome trash haulers, why would we want to change. Why does the city choose to screw up something that works very well for some of us residents. It's another way for the City to dictate our lives and make money along the way.

Bob Connolly

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 1:14 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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We deserve the right to choose who removes our garbage.

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**From:** Dan & Linda Leggett  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 6:15 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Coordinated Trash Collection & Public Hearing

Hi Russ,

I read with keen interest a recent article in the paper reporting City hall voting to delay any action on coordinated trash collection & to reconvene this week due to emails, calls and comments received in opposition of government-run trash collection.

I also had a chance to study the proposed rates and fees for potential city managed system. Given **my current cost per month is \$9.68** (as I have co-op'd with my neighbor since 1988), this policy will result in a huge increase in cost for me **and** my neighbor.

**Specifically, my neighbor & I will each see nearly a threefold increase from \$116.16 annually to \$344.80 for a 35 gallon container...that's an additional outlay of \$228.64 for each of our households; this is absolutely ridiculous and unnecessary!!!**

I believe my neighbor & I as well as the residents of the City have the right to choose our garbage hauler & level of service based on our individual needs. We should also be able to continue to co-op since we are avid recyclers & composters. And, I don't need, want or have room for another container.

**Russ, I urge you in the strongest terms as City Council President to exercise your leadership skills and plead with your fellow Council members to stop digging into my garbage!**

**Should you & the City Council decide to ignore this plea, would you please insist on a co-op service level for those who choose to do so...this is a reasonable request** that will reduce billing costs, reduce operational/pickup costs & eliminate the need for two containers (when one will suffice) thus further reducing expenses!

Thank you for your support on this matter!

Respectfully,  
Dan Leggett

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**From:** Geoff Laskowski  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 8:21 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection

Councilmember Stark,

Originally, I was excited to learn of the city's plan to offer organized trash collection because of the reduction in trucks traveling through neighborhood alleys, and the potential for cost savings. However, based on what I read in a recent article in the Villager, it appears that the cost per month for collection will actually be more than what I'm paying now for a similarly sized container. In addition, there will be a charge added to my yearly property tax bill to cover "maintenance costs" of the program.



I don't understand how this can be possible. I would think that efficiencies gained in routes and the predictability of known customer counts would provide for a reduced monthly cost.

I'm afraid that I must register my disapproval of the city's plan until a plan is proposed that actually reduces the cost of collection.

Regards,  
Geoff Laskowski

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**From:** Ruth  
**Sent:** Sunday, July 23, 2017 10:39 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Proposed trash collection contract

Mr. Stark,  
The proposed contract with trash haulers will result in a significant increase in my monthly bill. Each week, I put out a very small amount of trash; it usually fills a plastic shopping bag from the grocery store and probably weighs less than 2 pounds. I share my trash bin with two neighbors, so we split the bill three ways. We have been doing this for 4 or 5 years and it has worked well.

I am happy the city is exploring a more efficient and environmentally responsible process for trash collection in St. Paul. I would like the city to offer a more economical option for residents that produce a very low volume of trash.

Ruth Clinard

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**From:** dennis.skildum@gmail.com [mailto:dennis.skildum@gmail.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 5:32 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
**Subject:** Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Dennis Skildum

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**From:** Jungwirth, Mary Jo  
**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 1:46 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** vote yea for organized trash hauling

I am supportive of the organized trash hauling efforts.

Mary Jo Jungwirth

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**Sent:** Monday, July 24, 2017 7:11 PM  
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I currently do not have a trash hauler. I share my garbage collection with a friend. I choose to do this because it is cheaper. I do NOT want a minimum fee, nor a monthly fee. My solution has been working for me for over eight years. I cannot afford the extra fees and monthly service that is proposed. Do not take away my freedom to find a better solution, on my own.

Daniel Trygh

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 8:34 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4

**Cc:** \*CI-StPaul\_AllInProgram  
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Leave the trash system alone, we are adults who can think for ourselves. The people of St Paul do not need another city department that does nothing for us citizens that pay the taxes. I feel its time that the city leaders start listening to the tax payers and not the special interest groups.

Merle Aarthun

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**From:** Ruby Hunt  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 10:09 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash collection

Thanks for moving ahead on a coordinated plan. We should have done this 40 years ago when I was on the city council, but we didn't have the guts to do it.

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**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:05 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
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As a senior citizen on a fixed income this would be a hardship I like my trash hauler of over 30 years and believe we should have a choice to choose

Mary Schwartz

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**From:** Drew Ross  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Please pass garbage collection proposal

Dear Russ,  
I want to submit my complete support for the proposed garbage collection arrangements.

I'm disheartened by all the negative pushback I've seen on social media. Lots of misinformation being passed around.

As a representative of our neighborhood at UPDC, I've had many conversations with neighbors who see the new plan as common sense and the right thing to do for the many obvious reasons, such as street/alley impacts, noise and air pollution, excessive redundancy, burning fossil fuel, etc. People want this change to happen.

Please pass the plan.

Thank you,  
Drew Ross

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**From:** Carl Craven  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:33 AM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Hauling in St. Paul

Russ-

I'm all in favor of organized trash hauling in St. Paul. I'm normally a small government supporter, but this just seems to make sense. Trash is essentially like a utility, in that everyone needs it. I can't understand the citizens who complain that their choices are being taken away. How much differentiation can you make with trash removal? Instead, let's clear the alleys of 10 trucks per week and reduce emissions. Go forward with organized trash collection!

Carl Craven

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**From:** Kirsten Fischer  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:12 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** please vote for garbage collection proposal

Dear Council Member Stark,  
I am excited about the proposal to have one collection agency for neighborhood garbage. It's long been a source of frustration to have so many different company trucks come clattering down the streets, sometimes different company trucks on the same day, to collect trash. What a waste of resources that is, and a burden on the environment too.  
I hope you will vote in favor of the current proposal.

Sincerely,  
Kirsten Fischer

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**From:** Frank Mumford  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:55 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Organized Trash Collection-Vote No

Good Afternoon Mr. Stark,

I live in your ward, and you are my city council representative, and I urge that you do not approve the organized trash collection. Variety is the spice of life, and the free market creates efficiency and options. If I don't like Randy's trash service, or Waste Management, then I can cancel my service and go to another provider.

If I am unhappy with the service provided by the city, then I will be complaining to you, over and over. I am very appreciative of the single sort recycling and that we moved to a large bin, but that isn't a service that I am specifically paying for.

The other thing you will be doing is removing jobs, and tax revenue from the Twin Cities. Please reconsider and vote no.

Thank you,

Frank Mumford

P.S. This is the first time I have ever emailed or reached out to a city council member.

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**From:** DUANE R WEISS  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 1:59 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** proposed trash collection plan

We are writing to express concerns for the proposed plan.

- Even at the least expensive option we will be paying more per quarter than we do now by about \$4. We now pay \$60 per quarter with weekly pick up
- The wasteful ordering of new bins, if people currently have bins with a particular hauler and a specific hauler is assigned to a geographic area, why not keep using bins already in place? Haulers will simply pick up the existing bins no matter what company they belong to.
- What if the hauler assigned to our area does not do a satisfactory job, are we stuck with that hauler no matter what?
- If people don't pay for trash removal now, how will mandatory compliance be enforced?

We acknowledge that there have been public meetings on the subject and we have not attended, but in following the process it seemed our concerns had been addressed. We read the letters to the editor and realized that there must be many people who are facing the same fee increase.

Even though there has been research done regarding this we ask you to delay passage until further exploration is done.

Thank you

Duane and Pam Weiss

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Stand up For the citizens of St. Paul

Wayne/Ruth Vossen

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**From:** Susan Perkins  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 4:59 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Trash Removal

Please count me in as one person very opposed to how the coordinated trash pick-up system has been proposed. I have reviewed the proposal carefully and find that the following will be very disadvantageous:

1. My cost will go up significantly. I live in a 2 unit condo (duplex) and my neighbor and I share a trash container that is more than adequate for our needs. We do not need 2 containers and find multiple containers to be an eyesore. WE NOW PAY MUCH LESS THAN WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED!

2. I currently pay for a yard waste pick-up which is very convenient for me. I see no mention of this being an option under the new system.

That said, I think some level of coordination is needed, but there are much better solutions. For a start, why not require haulers within a district to all pick up on the same day of the week. That would eliminate trash trucks and containers being on the road 5 days/week. That is a beginning. Then maybe we could move to a system where a specific hauler is assigned to a district to eliminate multiple trucks. When and if that is done, the services people desire should be offered and the costs should not increase based upon wage requirements and other things imposed by the city that citizens do not care about.

I have a friend who lives in Maplewood and is VERY happy with her service. I think they converted to a much better system than what St. Paul is proposing.

I really don't think citizen wants and needs have been considered enough. If an unpopular system is imposed, we will have to indicate our displeasure at the voting booth.

Respectfully,  
Susan Perkins

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I searched through many companies and found one that was reliable and affordable. We are on a limited budget and cannot afford the rise changing the present system would create. We have been paying higher taxes and fees and this must stop. Leave the present system alone

Becky Elrasheedy

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**From:** pam strassburg  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 7:33 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** trash

I don't want St Paul to organize trash pick up for the city. I share the expense of trash with my neighbor, that savings would be gone. and I have seen in other cities where the most expensive hauler is picked. I don't want that either. Just leave it alone. I already have enuf vandals dumping my recycle bin. I don't know where I would put the bin.

Dont talk down to me about size of trash can and the bill. a smaller bin doesnt bin doesnt save that much cash. Just leave it alone.

Pam Strassburg

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**From:** David Lueth  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 25, 2017 11:03 PM  
**To:** #CI-StPaul\_Ward4  
**Subject:** Garbage Hauling

Dear Council President Stark,  
I sent you an email about garbage hauling last week, but it was hasty and sent through an automated form, for which I apologize. I've composed a more thoughtful and thorough letter expressing my concerns about the proposal; this garbage hauling situation marks my first time contacting a local elected official, so I'm unsure what the preferred format is--so I attached a PDF but also pasted the text of my letter into the body of the email below. I also apologize for not giving you more time to read my comments before the proposal goes up for a vote, but as I said, I only recently learned about the proposed policy myself. (And I work at the time of the meeting so I am unable to attend.)

Thank you,  
David Lueth

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From: Jane Amberg  
Sent: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 3:54 PM  
To: ward4stpaul@public.govdelivery.com  
Subject: Trash Hauling

Mr. Stark,

There are so many things wrong with the proposals regarding trash hauling that I almost don't know where to start. My information is coming from articles in the St. Paul paper, so feel free to correct me if I am wrong.

Cost - our fees would go up with your current plan Every other week pick up - unacceptable City owned trash cans - we already have a trash can. You can't be serious that all these cans would be tossed and we get new ones. Put a sticker on them to identify who the hauler is.

\$52 yearly fee- for what. The article I read stated that the haulers will continue to do there own billing. That amount per household would likely be well over a million dollars yearly - depending on what is counted as households.

Bulky pick up/tree pick up - not a service that I would use to it's full extent. I am paying for something I am not using.

Jane Amberg