From: Eric L [mailto:eric@apts.cc]
Sent: Saturday, July 28, 2018 1:43 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <<u>Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <<u>Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward3 <<u>Ward3@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward4 <<u>Ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <<u>Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward6 <<u>Ward6@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <<u>Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>; #CI-StPaul\_Ward7 <<u>Ward7@ci.</u>

Dear City Council Members,

I strongly **OPPOSE** the four new organized trash collection ordinances on which you are scheduled to vote in the coming days: **18-37, 18-38, 18-39 and 18-40**.

I wrote in May 2018 to say that, as I see it, part of Saint Paul's trash collection roll-out feels like **City-Sponsored Extortion**.

- St. Paul's mandated "No Sharing" of trash carts will impose an unfair burden on owners and residents of 2-, 3- and 4-unit buildings. The increased costs will contribute to "skyrocketing" rents and will hamper efforts aimed at "affordable" housing -- two issues about which many people in city government say they are very concerned. From this citizen's perspective, City-mandated no sharing of trash containers exposes local "concern" as little more than lip service.
- "No Sharing" and "No Opt-out" are also issues that, I believe, will harm "Zero Waste" efforts. People who generate little or no trash are mandated by the City to have unnecessary trash carts, city fees, and hefty trash bills forced onto them. It is a sad and short-sighted fact that St. Paul's new rules fly in the face of efforts to reduce trash via composting, recycling, etc.

Please bite the bullet, let go of saving face, and **VOTE NO** on all four of these proposed ordinances.

Eric Lein

From: mary [mailto:maryerjavec@aol.com]
Sent: Monday, July 30, 2018 2:58 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <<u>Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Subject: Regressive trash fees

Dear City Councilperson,

I am opposed to the contract that you have made with the trash haulers for the new city trash hauling plan. I am close to being zero-waste, currently average one grocery-size bag of trash monthly( 8 gallons)—usually under 10 lbs/month. I reduce, reuse, recycle, donate and compost. All of the things we've been encouraged to do. Your plan, for every-other week will have a net cost of \$22.33. : 70 gallons @ \$.32/ gallon. (my cost about \$2.78 per gallon for what I discard in trash) I currently take my trash to the transfer station every several months and pay \$4.00.

Additionally, the costs are appallingly regressive.

EOW	35 gallon	\$ .32/ gallon/mo (NB, truck needs 2 fewer stops each month)
Weekly	35 gallon	\$ .18/ gallon/mo
Weekly	65 gallon	\$ .13/ gallon/mo
Weekly	95 gallons	\$ .095/ gallon/mo

I have heard the argument about much of the cost being for the stop. Obviously that argument is based on false reasoning—the greatest costs to the hauler are fuel and tonnage dump fees.

How on earth did you support/ ratify such a regressive program? I am a low income disabled senior this will severely impact my budget. Those of us who are not big consumers should not be forced to subsidize others. That is exactly what the contract as written does—Punish those of us take the extra steps to reduce waste. Please reconsider/ renegotiate and leave room for an opt-out or sharing option. And reconsider the format of charging more for less.

Sincerely, Mary M. Erjavec 253 Goodhue St, St Paul 55102

## Councilwoman Thao,

I am the owner of a 4 unit property in Ward 1, and have been successfully sharing 2 large 95-gallon garbage bins as two of my units are studio apartments, and all units within our building actively recycle to reduce our trash footprint.

The mandate that each unit must have its own bin will increase our costs significantly. We currently spend ~\$560/year for trash services, and with the cheapest possible option that fits our needs with the 1 bin/unit mandate (2 large 95-gallon bins serviced weekly and 2 small 35-gallon bins serviced every other week), our costs will rise to \$936/year. This 67% increase in cost is burdensome and unfounded.

The city apparently sent a single notice in May, which we did not receive. Our notice states for those who didn't select bins with the return of that notice, bins were assigned based on current usage levels. These cannot be changed until Q1 2019. We were assigned 3 medium sized 64-gallon bins and 1 large 95-gallon bin, for a total capacity of 287 gallons, weekly (as compared to our current 190 gallons, which has worked for our property for years). The cost of this service for Q4 is \$390, compared to our current quarterly cost of \$140.

Know I have been a proponent of citywide service. It should make a more efficient system which should drive down costs long term. I believe some of the contract requirements are unnecessary, and the implementation of this plan was hurried. I especially think the proper feedback was not solicited from small multi-family properties and properties who have worked to reduce their waste and don't require these mandated levels of service.

I am hoping that you can 1) help to remove the mandate to disallow sharing within a small multi-family property and require one bin per unit, as current service levels have adequately served our property and many other small multi-family properties I know of, 2) consider implementing a smaller minimal waste option for properties which have worked to reduce their waste (this effort is admirable and should be

rewarded, not punished), and 3) assist with the ability to change the bins which were incorrectly assigned to my property in Q3, prior to the rollout of the program in Q4 2018.

## Michael Strom 651-271-2283

From: Sean Lidberg [mailto:lost.blue.istari@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 4, 2018 5:02 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward2 <<u>Ward2@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Subject: Multi-Unit Garbage Collection

I wanted to go on record with my displeasure at the multi-unit garbage collection rules. I have lived in my duplex for 10 years, renting out the second half. A single medium size garbage can has always been adequate. I am now, apparently, required to purchase two garbage cans. This requirement causes two major issues:

1. Alley space. The alley has already become very crowded with the addition of the recycling bins. I can barely fit the required bins as it is. Adding another will encroach on driveway space which means one more car parked on the street instead of the private driveway. That is not the "improved livability" that is regularly touted.

2. Cost. The added can will cost an extra \$384 per year. That is a cost I will have to pass on to tenants. I have always tried to keep rent low, something people have appreciated. I've been told repeatedly I have one of the cheapest "nice" apartments around. In a city with soaring rents I would think increasing costs for tenants would be something to avoid rather than force with unnecessary requirements.

Sincerely, Sean Lidberg

Dear Councilmember Henningson,

I am contacting you in regards to the recent decision made on the citywide garbage collection service that is set to begin October 1, 2018.

I have been a resident in St. Paul since August of 1996. At the time I purchased my home, it was categorized as a duplex, which allowed me to financially afford to move into the city. However, since 2007, I have not rented the property, and have chosen to live and treat the home as a single family residence. The City's rental certificate of occupancy was not required or obtained since 2007, as the property has been treated as a single-family, single-unit property. Since 2007, we have been in the process of slowly rehabilitating and converting the property into a single-family residence.

Under the new City garbage collection ordinance, our home is required to have and pay for service for each unit on the property, even though Ramsey County currently assesses our property for real estate tax purposes as a single family home. What this means for us is that we will be assessed for two collection services. This results in an increase from \$344/annually to \$768/annually - for two individuals.

The per-unit assessment of this ordinance needs to be corrected as it penalizes, and is significantly unfair, to many residents. The service should allow for the sharing of services, or be assessed on the basis on the number of unrelated families residing on a property.

I respectfully request that you reconsider the assessment parameters of this ordinance so that it fairly impacts residents. A blanket approach to all properties is unfair and unjust.

Jason M. Worden 1496 Laurel Avenue Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: Virginia Martin [mailto:marti137@umn.edu]
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 3:32 PM
To: \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Trash hauling

I was shocked when I got the information about the new trash-hauling system. I am being forced to take 2 medium-sized carts (I have a duplex) at 96.09 each, per quarter, which worked out to \$768.72 per year, a more-than-double increase of \$**426.56**.

My tenant and I are both careful and responsible recyclers and composters and we don't even fill one cart per week now. The other will just bounce around in the alley taking up precious space. More to the point, I am being forced to pay this amount without any negotiation on my part or the part of any other homeowner. I am a retired person on a fixed, low income, and I cannot ask my tenant, also low income, to pay more rent.

I understand this new charge is the result of negotiations with the participating trash haulers and the city, but I cannot understand that more-than-double increase. My trash haulers were making a profit before as far as I know, and salaries have not gone up much, if at all; neither has gas. I have communicated, unsatisfactorily, with Dianne Chao, for a reason for such a huge increase and I have not gotten one. Did the negotiators include homeowners and building owners/managers? Was an option of low-income householders discussed?

I would think, if anything, there might have been a savings.

I do not understand how the city expects people like me on a low income to pay \$426.56 more this year than I have in previous years.

I think this should be renegotiated although Chao says the contract is for 5 years. I think this is a travesty all the way around and I cannot imagine how you think your constituents in the Summit-U neighborhood are going to pay this.

Virginia L. Martin

695 Hague Ave.

St. Paul MN 55104

From: Rosie Moffat [mailto:rosiemof@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 3:26 PM
To: \*CI-StPaul\_Contact-Council <Contact-Council@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: More money.

You people couldn't be more wrong about this garbage collection. It's going to cost me 200 to 300 more. This could have been put on the 2018 election ballot to give us a choice whether or not to approve or disapprove this. Not right to force this upon the people of saint paul without some kind of choice. I love my country, it's sad alot of our freedoms are slowly going away. Regards, John....

From: DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us [mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us] Sent: Monday, August 6, 2018 10:21 AM To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1Complaints <<u>Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Subject: CSO FYI: New Complaint - 18 091427 OPN

To: City Council - All Wards - Ward 1 A complaint has been referred to you by the City of Saint Paul Information and Complaint Office. A response is NOT required. This is FYI only.

LOCATION: All over city

PROPERTY OWNER:

DETAILS: Opinion - Those on a fixed income were not considered in this organized trash bill. They should consider a program to assist in supplementing the financial bill(or make it affordable) possibly implementing for 2019. (maybe some tax relief as well)

From: "starthomas1" <<u>starthomas1@q.com</u>> To: "ward4" <<u>ward4@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 9:24:26 PM Subject: CITY TRASH PICKUP

I oppose the 4 ordinances vehemently. St. Paul's NEW plan is inept, poorly thought out and unfair to the citizens of St. Paul. It is nothing but a ploy to take more money from those who really need it; from the poor. How about fixing our streets and all the pot holes? Have you thought about senior citizens who are on a fixed income? We are being gouged every which way we turn. Our property taxes are out of control in Ramsey County and assessments are ridiculously high and they keep going up so many of us can no longer stay in our homes. It seems more time is spent on how to take more money from us who are struggling than what is spent on fixing problems that need fixing. Next thing you know St. Paul will charge us for having a sidewalk or charge us for how many trees we have in our yards, or even charge us for breathing the air. St. Paul is CROOKED AND GREEDY and needs to be "cleaned" up. This definitely is COMMUNISM. We, the people of St. Paul need to stand up against this and PROTEST. If you, as council member, really care about the people, then something better has to be done about trash pickup. Doubling fees is NOT the answer. Mandating and not giving us the option to opt out is NOT the answer. We should have the right to allow an elderly neighbor who has hardly any trash to share our bin. WE, THE PEOPLE need to be given the RIGHT TO VOTE on this issue.

MYRNA THOMAS 1148 Orange Avenue E St. Paul, MN 55106

Dear Ward 4 representative,

As a Saint Paul resident, let me go on record to say that I oppose all four ordinances that will regulate St. Paul's "coordinated collection" of trash.

I urge you to oppose approval of Ordinance #18-40 and Ordinance #18-39.

I am being forced to have two containers, when I will hardly even fill up one cart in two weeks time.] It seems so unfair and ridiculous, and this puts a burden on lower income individuals, such as myself, and makes housing less affordable in Saint Paul. Currently, I share trash services with my sister.

Please do what you can to stop these ordinances, or to rethink them, whereby we, as residents of Saint Paul:

Can have the ability to: Opt Out, to Share Containers, to Reduce Excessive Price Increases to Reduce Excessive Space Requirements and to make the Program FAIR TO ALL.

Sincerely,

Jay Wittenberg

From: DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us [mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us] Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:05 PM To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1Complaints <<u>Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Subject: CSO FYI: New Complaint - 18 092251 OPN

To: City Council - All Wards - Ward 1 A complaint has been referred to you by the City of Saint Paul Information and Complaint Office. A response is NOT required. This is FYI only.

LOCATION: 1450 Sheldon St

## PROPERTY OWNER: Cherie Lynn Farseth 1450 Sheldon St St Paul Mn 55108

DETAILS: Opinion - Constituent is upset about the new organized trash pick up. Concerns include: financial impact, the placement of the can which is the front of her property(she has a rather large lot and she is one of our elderly residents so this is extremely difficult, as well has a disability), If the can is placed in the front it will block the sidewalk

From: Penny Johnson [mailto:blackmustang8@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:48 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward5 <<u>Ward5@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Subject: Garbage

I don't want to be railroaded into Waste Management. I want to opt out. I want to keep my current garbage hauler. I will not support a Mobb owned company. I told other representative over a year ago to drop this waste of time on garbage. I am not having my garbage bill going up \$250 a year. I got rid of Eureka recycling over 2 yrs ago because they weren't picking up my recycling. I also want a refund on my property tax for the last 2 yrs for recycling I'm not using. Most of us are working 2 to 3 jobs just to maintain our standard of living. I don't need idiots spending my money on stupid things.

From what I'm seeing, this shows the corruption of the City of St. Paul.

I will not be dictated to by a bunch of dictocrats.

Sincerely,

Penny Johnson

From: DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us [mailto:DSI-InformationAndComplaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us] Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:57 AM To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1Complaints <<u>Ward1Complaints@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>> Subject: CSO FYI: New Complaint - 18 092006 OPN

To: City Council - All Wards - Ward 1 A complaint has been referred to you by the City of Saint Paul Information and Complaint Office. A response is NOT required. This is FYI only.

LOCATION: All over City

PROPERTY OWNER:

DETAILS: Opinion - Against the organized trash service

I own a 4 plex at 1241 West 7th and I was a resident in Ward 4 for 30 years. At my 4 plex, I use two 95 gallon bins for \$140.22 per quarter with Aspen Waste. In addition, we have two large recycling bins. This is more than adequate for our tenants.

We were careful to select the size and number of bins we needed when the organized hauling program started. I requested a similar volume as I have now. So I was quite surprised to find that my selection was ignored and I am told I am required to have four bins (3 medium and 1 large). I have yet to determine why the city made this decision for me instead of accepting my selection. Plus, I have been told I can't change it until January. A call to the hotline did not answer my questions.

If I am reading the brochure correctly, my cost will now be \$288.27 for the 3 medium bins plus \$102.45 for the large bin for a total of \$390.72 per quarter, an increase of \$250.05 per quarter.

In addition to being charged for items we do not need, you are requiring us to give up parking spaces to accommodate them. We have extremely limited parking, especially in the winter. Please explain why this policy was implemented. I can see no purpose or value for this decision or for this dramatic increase in my costs.

By the way, I am a strong supporter of organized hauling. t I fear that these arbitrary decisions will reinforce the attitude that the city should stay out of this issue.

Alice Tibbetts

Hi- Just wanted to voice my continued support for organized trash collection even if the system needs some on-going adjustments. There seems to be quite a push back and that concerns me as many of those concerns are very narrow and special interest oriented. The broad benefits of this change are overwhelmingly clear to me so please keep strong!. Bob Alf

Dear Council Person,

I am writing in regard to the new trash collection system being adopted by the city of St. Paul. There are many features of the new system that I see as positive change. Specifically, I appreciate the capacity to place holds if we are away for extended periods of time and the option for seasonal yard waste collection.

Of concern is the number of trash cans required for specific types of housing, including multiple family residences. I have lived in the duplex at 1697 Laurel Avenue since September of 2010. For the entirety of my tenure in the house, we have been able to easily manage with 1 medium-sized trash bin for both homes in the duplex. With the change in trash collection, we have been told by the city of St. Paul we now need to pay for 2 trash bins.

This is problematic due to both the space issues and financial burdens it creates. We have a small yard and adding a second trash bin will impinge on valuable space for my young niece to run and play as well as take away from aesthetic appeal. Additionally, we are being asked to pay for a resource we do not

need and is a waste of my family's financial resources. Placing more trash cans than needed at multiplehouse locations also may unintentionally promote even more waste in a society that is already too quick to throw away. While I am grateful for the convenience and certainly appreciate the city of St. Paul picking up 1 bin of trash each week, I also want to be a wise steward of my resources and the environment.

I am bringing this matter to your attention in hope that raising my concern will lead to flexibility in the requirements regarding the number of trash cans required at multiple-family residences. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

**Rachel Petersen** 

1697 Laurel Avenue St. Paul, MN 55104

Hello Samantha,

I live near the corner of Lextington and Thomas and own a Duplex, and I am a little confused about the new rules regarding our trash service. The city is requiring me to have 2 trash cans to "help Saint Paul meet our community's overall waste reduction goals" to me that seem counter-intuitive. Why would more trash cans discourage people from throwing away more things? I live in the lower unit of my duplex and I got a notification in the mail a few months ago about signing up for this service and put down that we would need 1 small trashcan per week. When I got the notification last week it said that I would be getting that as well as the medium can per week. We dont need that. There is one person living in the upper unit and one person (me) living in the lower unit. I recycle, and I made sure that the tenant that moved in also recycled. At most every week I bring out one garbage bag of garbage, and he does the same. We do not need 2 garbage cans.

Also, I called up my new trash collector (Aspen) and asked them about the possibility of changing my service (since I'm required to have 2) from 1 small weekly and 1 medium weekly to two small biweekly as that is the cheaper option and still more then we would need, but they said I am not allowed to change it untill January 1st. Which means I am being charged \$90 for services that I am not going to be using and I have no option to change it. Now the \$90 is not a huge deal to me, I can afford it, but i think of the senior citizens and other St Paulians who are on a tight budget and will need to find a way to pay for the extra charge.

My mom who lives in ward 5 and has a quadplex is having the same issue that I am only a little more extreme. She is forced to get 4 cans, and her units are very very environmentally aware. They compost, recycle and throw next to nothing away. The four of them might be able to fill up a single large trash can a week, but i doubt it. So now she has to find a place to put all 4 of the trash cans. The spot she chose, is her parking space on the property. She now will be parking on the street, which means she will have to worry about the street cleaning and plowing all winter long.

Please talk to the council about changing this ruling. I understand the reasoning behind it, you are trying to make sure that there is enough garbage cans at all the proporties so that garbage does not flood our streets. Well most landlords who live at their property (or right next door as is the case with my mom) know exactly the amount of garbage their home produces. Side note - A duplex with 4 bedrooms is no

different then a 4 bedroom house, you wouldn't require a 4 bedroom house to have 2 garbage cans so why a duplex?

My proposal to fix the issue is to say that for every 4 bedrooms in multifamily properties you are required to have a garbage can.

Thanks for listening, and please, Change this rule.

Peter Schneider

From: Ron Petersen [mailto:ronpetersen@wiktel.com] Sent: Wednesday, August 22, 2018 12:00 PM To: 'publicworksinfo@ci.stpaul.mn.us' Subject: Citywide Garbage

I would like to protest the new citywide garbage setup. I own a duplex in St Paul (1697 Laurel Ave)where my 2 daughters live. They have gotten along fine with one medium garbage container for years. Now they are required to have 2 garbage containers and I have to pay for both. My bill is going up from \$29 per month to \$64 per month. That is a 220% increase.

You say this is for waste reduction and improve the livability of neighborhoods. How does this reduce waste production? How does this improve the livability of our neighborhoods with all of these extra unused garbage containers decorating the houses, sidewalks and streets? They are just in the way and don't look very good either.

The cost of owning a home in St Paul with taxes and fees is very excessive. You should be looking for ways to make St Paul more livable by reducing costs for homeowners. Let the free market pick up the garbage so you have some competition for keeping costs down. It seems whenever government gets involved costs go up.

Thank you. Ron Petersen

From: Andrew Wagner [mailto:awags777@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:45 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <<u>Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Cc: Zimny, Joanna (CI-StPaul) <<u>joanna.zimny@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Subject: Seeking an Update on Trash Collection

Councilman Thao,

Earlier this year, I contacted you to inquire about steps the council planned to take to address the numerous issues that have plagued the rapidly-approaching start of organized trash collection in St. Paul.

One of your staff indicated that while there were no votes currently scheduled, the council was 'looking into the issue'.

I'm writing to ask for an update on what steps, if any, the council or the city is planning to take (or has already taken) to address concerns raised by frustrated residents, particularly on the issue of duplexes or multi-unit apartments who do not need (or want!) one bin per unit, and the numerous concerns raised about the cost increases your takeover has inflicted on citizens who did not ask for this system to change.

Regarding cost: You represent thousands of low-income residents in your Ward, and surely are aware that garbage fees are one of, if not the single most regressive tax/fee paid by citizens in Minnesota. This plan was sold to the public with rosey promises that most residents would save money. <u>It's clear that</u> too many residents are not only going to see increases, but some are going to be hit with borderline unaffordable garbage bills. Unless you can make changes to ensure affordability and cost savings that were promised, you should delay the start of this program.

Regarding multi-unit houses: As a resident of a duplex who already has two recycle bins and a single trash bin in my driveway, I'm not looking forward to having to add an extra bin when the size we had was working just fine. I'm hoping this can be addressed prior to the rollout so I don't have to deal with four bins in a single driveway, especially in the winter when they become harder to move and space becomes even more scarce with snowbanks.

I'm sure that the proponents of the petition drive to put this on the ballot have identified additional issues with this ill-conceived and unwanted city takeover—You all seem to have broken this, I eagerly await your response on what the city plans to do to fix it.

All the best,

Andrew Wagner 238 Victoria Street N St. Paul, MN 55104 From: Richard Kleinbaum [mailto:richard.kleinbaum@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 23, 2018 2:59 PM
To: #CI-StPaul\_Ward1 <<u>Ward1@ci.stpaul.mn.us</u>>
Subject: Trash

We've been residents of Ward 1 since 1972. Since 1980 we have owned and lived in a duplex in Summit U that we bought and restored During that time we have seem our property taxes become larger than our mortgage payments. We have seen the city raise fees for street maintenance and a host of other than property taxes levied against the property. But for the past 12 years we have had the same trash hauler that provide a once a week pickup for a shared 60 gallon can which between the 2 households we never filled (in 12 years) now we are expected to provide two cans at exactly double the cost ! How any of this makes sense is beyond us. We are responsible recyclers and don't see how any of this nonsense fits into the goal of affordable hoising

City Council Member Henningson - You are a busy person so I will be brief. There are many aspects of the new waste collection I like but there is one aspect I am opposed to. For the 25 years I have owned and resided in my duplex at 1784 Portland Avenue, one trash can has been sufficient to meet the needs of the entire building. The new city program mandates that there is one trash can for each unit. This increases my annual waste cost significantly and unnecessarily. Please give multi family resident owners the same ability to control our waste volume and cost.

Paul Buharin 1784 Portland Avenue St Paul, MN 55104

Councilmember Nelson,

Welcome as our new councilmember! You've no doubt many items to get up to speed on -- one being the proposed trash regulation changes, which are well-intended yet raise the cost for everyone on our block. Over the years, most on our block had voluntarily chosen one hauler who gave us very low block rates and reduced truck traffic. Any neighborhood could have done the same, and so could the officials who negotiated the new contract. Instead, my costs will be higher, even with half the service level. My neighbors and I are very upset. Please consider voting against the proposed trash changes. Thank you!

Regards, Dave Brudevold 2208 Sargent Avenue St Paul MN 55105