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I really like having my yard waste bin all year from Waste Management. I don't want to risk losing that or having to find another service for that.

Erika Hogenson

10xx DALE ST N – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Doing something like this will make people pay for services they do not need, plus the haulers who are lucky enough to be selected can charge what ever fees for service and we will have no choice in the matter and have to pay higher rates when they raise them. This will put people out of business, workers out of jobs, and I don't think this is fair that the government has the right to

make these decisions for myself and others. I am capable to make my own choice. How about they pay more attention on priority situations going on in the city and our communities.

Dee Walsh

3xx FRONT AVE – Ward 5
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9xx ARKWRIGHT ST – Ward 5
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I much prefer the idea of keeping my contractor. However, I also would prefer to not see the other six on the other 4 days of the week! My contractor (Aspen) has been picking up my trash for several years. I fired the previous four. The one prior to them was great but pulled out of my neighborhood.

Dave Erickson

14xx FARRINGTON ST – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Hello Amy,

I read this past week that city staff and the trash haulers in the community have reached an agreement that looks very encouraging.

I imagine you are hearing from both supporters and opponents as Wednesday's vote approaches. So I wanted to reach out (hopefully for the last time) to reiterate my support for the proposal to organize/coordinate city trash collection. I think the effort to organize will provide better service and position the city to make progress on a number of other environmental initiatives.

I'm also excited by a number of the details I've seen about the agreement. Especially that the new system will continue to have a place for independent haulers, and will allow for a small container (~35 gallon) with bi-weekly collection. We currently share our trash service with our neighbors, so some would have likely argued we stood to 'lose' by having the system organized. I certainly don't view it that way given that we'll have a small container/bi-weekly option. I wasn't able to find a hauler that offered that service when I looked for it prior to going the route of sharing with our neighbor. So despite some of the themes opponents have raised I didn't feel like an open system was offering us choices between options we wanted.

I raise that in part because I understand there is a desire to give some folks the option to opt out (which I presume means they could self haul/not have service). For what its worth I don't support that provision. I think the fact that many houses don't have service currently has resulted in illegal dumping issues -- that was a major problem in the ~9 years we were living in Frogtown. The proposal as it stands offers good options for those of us who recycle, compost, use organics drop offs and try and prevent waste. The negative consequences of an opt out option outweigh any potential benefit.

Anyhow, I think the city staff should be commended for this remarkable achievement. I can only imagine how challenging the negotiations must have been, but it certainly appears they've found a solution that will serve the city's residents much better and that haulers felt like they can live with.

I hope to attend the council meeting on Wednesday, but have to coordinate some pressing family obligations that may prevent that from happening. Either way, I'm sure you'll hear from some skeptics but please know that many of us support this effort.

Thanks for listening to my feedback now and over the past year or two on this issue. Good luck on Wednesday!

Tim Farnan
8xx Nebraska Ave W – Ward 5
St Paul MN 55117

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Do not take away my right to choose my trash hauler. Unacceptable!!!

Theresa Zaspel

5xx IVY AVE E – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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Greetings Ms. Brendmoen,

I'm very opposed to coordinated trash collection. I've been successfully negotiating my trash collection for the past 15 years. I've read through the proposed negotiations with haulers and I don't want or need three bulk items picked up a year, that's way too much for my needs. I do not need Christmas tree disposal either something that I share with many other residents of St. Paul. You have already proposed to contract more services than I need. This will result in a bill that is much higher than what I'm paying now (I pay about \$28./mo at this time). I want and deserve the right to contract what I need and NO more than what I need. My family and I struggle to make ends meet and the constantly rising taxes in St. Paul do not help! Coordinated collections will be reflected in higher taxes and place additional burdens on my family. It's very frustrating that this plan is being push on the residents when everyone I talk to about it agrees that we neither want or need it. Stop forcing more taxes on us while telling yourselves that you're helping us.

If St. Paul is having problems with illegal dumping than address that problem and catch the people responsible for those crimes. The argument about pollution and wear and tear on the alleys is nonsense. Bigger trucks and or more trips will be necessary to handle everyone's trash all at once. Customer service and hauler relationships will be gone because the city will be the customer and not us.

Please do NOT make our city participate in coordinated collection services. Residents don't want it and don't need it.

Katie Dimmel

15xx DALE ST N – Ward 5
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I don't want the government dictating what company I choose to pick up garbage!

Judith Dian

14xx ALAMEDA ST – Ward 5
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I just feel like this is not right! People should be able to make their own decisions. St. Paul is going too far.

LaTrece Scott

12xx FARRINGTON ST – Ward 5
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We need competition not government making our decisions.

Lynne Demry

2xx MARYLAND AVE W – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Hello, I am 100% against St Paul taking over the garbage hauling.

St Paul has a contract with Eureka for recycling and it's a disaster. I never know if my recycling will be picked up or not, or what day. If I had a choice I would switch to a more reliable vendor.

What problem is being solved by St Paul contracting garbage? Less trucks on the street? Give me a break.

If you vote for this I am voting for someone else in future elections.

Respectfully,

Jason Dargontina

15xx VIRGINIA ST – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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It has taken over 7 months of continually calling the city and Eureka to straighten out recycle pick up. I'm not sure if the problems are even solved.

Ms. Brendmoen, you need to stay out of the garbage business!! I'm still reeling over you giving David Glass \$800,000.00, of taxpayer money, for an issue you had to have YOUR way on.

Your judgement is questionable. Stay out of picking a garbage hauler for me. This is NOT about you. It is about ALL of the constituents you supposedly represent.

The city council needs too be more transparent.

Michelle Tait

16xx DUNLAP ST N – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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David Petersen

7xx MONTANA AVE W – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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From: Bert Kritzer <kritzer@umn.edu>
Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:51:05 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward5
Subject: trash collection plan

I think it will be great to get rid of excessive garbage trucks!

One question, however. I currently use Waste Management and they offer, as an extra, yard waste pickup (which saves me having to haul stuff to a yard waste site).

What will happen with regard to yard waste pick up under the current proposal (I don't think all of the current haulers offer this, but I could be wrong)?

Thanks,
Bert Kritzer
1xxx Como Blvd East – Ward 5
651-312-0264

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If Mayor Coleman thinks driving the people further into the poor house and then thinks he will win the Governorship, he's absolutely WRONG.

Lee Anne Wolfe

11xx NORTON ST – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I prefer to use a local hauler. It's my home and should be my choice. Having the city take over will only increase the price home owners pay for garage. It takes away the competitive edge we customers use to our advantage. I'm not happy with the recycling company government has chosen for me and I have no recourse. Please rethink and let's not expand government anymore.

Patricia Pranke – Ward 5

1xxx VIRGINIA ST
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Was thinking that garbage would take a significant drop when it went city wide. I know in Maplewood, it dropped a bunch. Why are we having to pay so much, plus have extra taxes added to property tax. This is ridiculous. At least I had the choice of who I wanted to pick my garbage up, now it is not in my hands anymore and will have to pay more.

Susie Johnson

1xxx HAMLIN AVE N – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55108

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I don't like the fact that this would put smaller family owned garbage companies out of business, not to mention the number of people that could lose their job with other companies.

The prices proposed are higher than what I pay now. Why would I want to pay more for something when I'm perfectly happy and satisfied with the company I have now and it's a cheaper rate? Makes no sense!!

Lori Sobczak

1xxx GALTIER ST- Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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Please concentrate on the current budget crisis, the crime happening in the North End and fixing the half failed recycling program before trying to pass this garbage thing. Also, please note that the average rate you've found so far for the garbage is far more than myself or my neighbors are currently paying which is not a solution to this problem.

Darci Steffen

1xxx NORTON ST – Ward 5
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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I like the garbage company we have and want to stay with them, you are concerned about all the garbage trucks all over, but what about the school buses that are all over hauling kids many miles away from their own school districts that we have to pay for. There are more of them than garbage trucks

Mary Hellerman

1xxx BURR ST
Saint Paul, MN 55130

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

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:41 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Do you really think you can do a better job than your predecessors 40 years back? That is why we changed from city owned to private. It is likely none of you or your staff remember. It is possible that you all think you are smarter now. I suspect not. Leave this alone and do the jobs you are elected to do and stop grabbing more power.

Walter Doehne

1577 FAIRMOUNT AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: bashley11@msn.com [mailto:bashley11@msn.com]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 12:00 PM

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If we wanted to have one garbage hauler there is currently nothing stopping us from banding together as a block or even a neighborhood to do that. After all, we manage it quite well with alley plowing.

Clearly this is something we don't want or need. But to propose that, on top of forcing one hauler upon us, the city should act as an intermediary is simply ridiculous. Aside from the loss of control over our own household decisions, making the haulers responsive to a city employee rather than the actual paying customer means worse customer service and opens the process to graft and corruption.

Brian Ashley

1506 SARGENT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Marianne Milligan [mailto:mimilligan@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 1:21 PM

To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: unified trash hauling

Dear Councilmember Tolbert,

I just wanted to let you know that I support the new agreement between the city and the local trash haulers. I think organized trash collection is good for the environment and the neighborhoods. I also want to support the small, family owned companies. This recent agreement seems like it accomplishes both things.

Thank you for representing our area of the city,

Marianne Milligan

1420 Fairmount Ave

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

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 3:25 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

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This is totally unnecessary IMHO. Is it intended to increase revenue ? In the case of my wife and I we have two houses but do not need garbage service at each location. Would your new system force every residence to pay for garbage service. While I don't pretend to know all of the aspects of the new proposed system there is the appearance of middle management micro manipulation. The motives for this change have not been explained in depth.

Bill Grenke

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Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: brglaser97@comcast.net [mailto:brglaser97@comcast.net]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 5:54 PM

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We have had the same hauler since we moved to Highland in 1969. We lived on Pinehurst then and moved to Norfolk in 1979. The service changed names a few times during that period before it became Highland Sanitation. They have always been fairly priced and responsive to all our needs. I would hate to see the city impinge on the residents' opportunity to choose their providers.

Rena and Barry Glaser

1972 NORFOLK AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Marcia D SwinneyShay [mailto:iowanana7477@gmail.com]

Sent: Friday, July 14, 2017 7:34 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

I strongly support the new trash collection plan. There's no reason for more than one hauler to be working in each part of the city. And I'm very happy that we're using local companies, not going with one of the big national firms.

Marcia Swinney-Shay

1934 James Ave

St Paul MN 55105

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

Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 7:46 AM

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Competition keeps prices down

Patrick Meyer

1380 HARTFORD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Jennifer Elmquist [mailto:j.elmquist@hotmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 8:28 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Fwd: Organized trash

I moved to St Paul from a suburb that had organized trash collection. The trash system there was awful and if you had a problem, tough luck - you are stuck with your hauler.

As a small business owner, I believe in the power of consumer choice and keeping government out of private sector as much as possible. I do not like the idea of St Paul using organized trash hauling. I do not like St Paul telling small business owners what they must pay their employees. I do not like St Paul telling home owners who they must use to collect their trash. I do not like St Paul telling home owners they must have their own garbage can.

St Paulites are good at solving their own problems - let the neighborhoods decide how to cut down on trucks in their area if that is important to the people. Let home owners decide how much (if any) garbage service they need. Leave St Paul's garbage system alone!

Jennifer Elmquist

From: Catherine Neuschler [mailto:cneuschler@gmail.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 15, 2017 8:31 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Hi Chris -

Just wanted to let you know how pleased I am to hear that the city has come to an agreement on organized trash collection. I think trash collection should absolutely be an organized and city-wide service, so this movement is great to hear. Thanks!

Catherine Neuschler

1376 Hartford

From: Pb7029@gmail.com [mailto:Pb7029@gmail.com]

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I am very happy with my current trash hauler and do not want to pay the extra fee for the extra big items. If you have a big item, each resident can pay extra at that time for that item. My hauler offers a great service at a good price. The city will be increasing our service fee and, as a retired person, I don't need to pay that additional amount. I support the small business; the large haulers do not give the personal service a small hauler can provide. If having too many haulers in the alleys is the issue, then I ask why is recycling coming through the alley twice for each pick up. They do one side then come back and do the other side.

Barb Boyd

1297 HARTFORD AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Christophe de Campeau [mailto:christophedecampeau@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 8:07 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3; *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Re: Organized Trash Collection in Saint Paul: July 2017 Update

Dear Council Member Tolbert and greater taskforce team,

I strongly support a centralized process for the trash collection in St. Paul.

We know all the logical reasons why this makes sense (collection efficiency, air and noise pollution reduction, increased safety, lower road damage, etc) and having a process to include the small haulers in the change is the right thing to do, so long as the greater St. Paul community is better off. If prices start increasing and service is impacted, I strongly suggest opting for a company capable of managing the trash collection for the entire city, just like most cities around the US and the developed world operate.

Thank you

Christophe REMY de CAMPEAU

2090 PALACE Avenue

55105 St. Paul, MN

From: Nancy Wiens [mailto:nancywiens1@gmail.com]

Sent: Sunday, July 16, 2017 4:38 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: City-wide organized garbage collection

Hello Council member Tolbert,

I am thrilled that a tentative agreement has been reached on a contract for city-wide organized garbage collection. I cannot attend the meeting this week but I want to emphasize my support of this plan. The

benefits seem obvious -- less trucks, reasonable rates, protection of small, local businesses. Frankly, the opposition's fear of "big government" and "taking away my choice" seems mis-guided and selfish. I have not seen the details of the plan but I continue to request that it will include an emphasis on encouraging recycling and composting by rewarding people financially for producing less garbage. Can you provide more information on this issue?

Thank you for the work you do to serve the common good.

Regards,

Nancy Wiens

1499 Osceola Ave

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From: gamerunner2001@gmail.com [mailto:gamerunner2001@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 5:36 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Brian J Valento

333 MACALESTER ST

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: milnj00@yahoo.com [mailto:milnj00@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 8:24 PM

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2171 JEFFERSON AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Thomas Brock [mailto:tomasz@q.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:29 PM

To: #Cl-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Trash Collection

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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

From: Francesca Stirpe [<mailto:fmstirpe@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:40 PM

To: Moore, Shari (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Re: Use of alarm systems

Thank-you. I also do not agree with the City of St. Paul taking over garbage!!!!

Francesca Stirpe

Ann McMonagle - XXXX Wellesley re Organized Trash

Ann called saying she does not like the new proposal. Six months out of the year she is a snowbird and an opt out option for a certain number of months was not taken into account. She uses Highland Sanitation that she is very pleased with and they allow her the opt out during the time she is a snowbird. With proposal not only will it cost her more during the months she uses service, it will now cost her even more when she will not need the service. Also – the 'extra 3 times a year' is worthless to her.

From: Nancy Wiens [<mailto:nancywiens1@gmail.com>]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:07 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: City-wide organized garbage collection plan needs improvement

Dear Council member Tolbert:

I was disappointed to read in this morning's paper that the new organized garbage collection plan appears to not offer a "will call" pick-up option or an opt-out (to share a garbage can with neighbors), in order to accommodate people who produce very little garbage.

Our household produces a small can of garbage about every 6 weeks, and we currently pay for pick-up by the can only when we request it. The currently-proposed plan offers no valid options for our

household. We want to be able to either call for pickup when our can is full, and pay for it by the can, or share a can with a couple of neighbors who produce equally low amounts of garbage.

I support organized garbage collection but feel that the plan as it was laid out in this morning's newspaper needs improvement.

Regards,

Nancy Wiens

1499 Osceola Ave
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From: randyblum88@gmail.com [mailto:randyblum88@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 9:37 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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I have had the same trash hauler, Highland Sanitation, for over 30 years. We have a great relationship and I have the utmost respect for their local company. They provide me with great service. I do not want to be forced to change haulers, and I particularly do not want to be forced to accept a standardized level of service. Highland Sanitation is very flexible, and they have earned my business.

I am not averse to change, and I understand at least some of the reasons that the Council wants to make this move. But it is wrong-headed and I have to believe almost marginally illegal. Please leave things as they are, with my freedom of choice intact. Thank you. I appreciate your listening.

Randall S. Blum

Randall Blum

1515 HIGHLAND PKWY

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Nate.sirek@gmail.com [mailto:Nate.sirek@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 8:30 PM

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Nathaniel Sirek

1374 PALACE AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: Rick Slettehaugh [mailto:r.slettehaugh@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 7:19 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Re: City wide trash hauling

To make it clear, we support the coordinated collection agreement.

Rick and Sharon Slettehaugh

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 7:00 PM, Rick Slettehaugh <r.slettehaugh@gmail.com> wrote:

We completely support changing the way trash is picked up, contracting in a way that reduces damage to our roads and reduces noise. Please make changes to the crazy system we now have.

Rick and Sharon Slettehaugh

From: danschwarz68@comcast.net [mailto:danschwarz68@comcast.net]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 9:09 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Cc: McMahon, Melanie (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Residential trash hauling proposal (Resolution PH 17-203)

Hello. I am a constituent living on Prior Avenue in the Highland Park neighborhood. I am writing to encourage Councilmember Tolbert to vote against the resolution authorizing city staff to begin final negotiations with the residential trash haulers about standardization of services and trash collection days.

I believe this policy proposal to be a prime example of the phrase "a solution in search of a problem." Prior to this proposal, there was a citizen-led movement to have residents of a block or neighborhood all contract with one trash hauler, usually with one or more haulers offering discounts to secure this contiguous business. This local movement allowed residents to feel like they still had a choice of how trash disposal was handled, rather than having a solution imposed from the top.

As to the specific complaints prompting the proposals for city-organized residential trash collection, I believe most could have been resolved with less intrusion by the government. For example, an ordinance could be passed to require that trash collection in a particular area (designated by zip code, precinct, or other means) all be done on the same day, thereby eliminating the complaint of garbage hauler trucks going down alleys on multiple days. In addition, if a hauler did not already have enough customers in an area to justify sending their trucks in on that day, that hauler could arrange to switch

customers with a hauler who had a sufficient presence in that area, but an insufficient presence in another area. Again, a solution arranged by individual actors rather than imposed by government. While requiring all residential properties to have a trash hauler might seem a means to reduce illegal dumping, I'm not sure that an owner who doesn't arrange for this at the time of purchase of the property is going to be more likely to use a service they haven't missed before now. Finally, the provision of waste collection containers by the city will require the city to store many cans to accommodate people whose life circumstances change or whose cans are damaged by weather or vandalism. Since we currently have numerous private vendors who sell containers, I consider this new responsibility of the city to be a distraction from those areas where the city has a monopoly on the service or activity.

In short, I again urge you to vote against this resolution.

Sincerely,

Daniel Schwarz

1337 Prior Ave. S.

St. Paul, MN 55116

(651) 699-0427

From: Michael Ramstad [mailto:michael.ramstad@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 8:16 AM

To: Tolbert, Chris (CI-StPaul)

Subject: Do not support Saint Paul's trash proposal

Chris,

While I sympathize with Saint Paul's effort to reduce choice with garbage haulers thus making it easier for the consumer and reducing wear on our roads I think it comes at too high a price. \$21 to \$32 per month on top of a \$52/yr admin fee represents a \$100+/yr increase in my garbage hauling rate. We need to negotiate a better rate or dissolve this initiative altogether.

Thank you,

Michael Ramstad

2014 Berkeley Ave.

Saint Paul, MN 55105

From: marilynsalmon6@gmail.com [mailto:marilynsalmon6@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 4:01 PM

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I moved to this address last fall, and I was very happy that my neighbor r commended Highland Sanitation--they offer every other week pick up, just right for me. I cancelled the more expensive big truck every week no choice service I had in another neighborhood.

Marilyn Salmon

855 FAIRVIEW AVE S

Saint Paul, MN 55116

From: Joan Pasiuk [mailto:joanpasiuk@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 2:35 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: support organized trash collection

Chris,

The organized trash collection agreement is an excellent step forward for St Paul. It is fair to workers, environmentally beneficial, and supports quality of life in all neighborhoods. I hope we can count on your strong support for this initiative.

Joan Pasiuk

Mary Merrill - 101 S Wheeler

She is against the trash proposal. She has a large family and will need the larger vessel. It will cost her more for that as well as the cost by the city. There is no mention pertaining to weekly grass clippings/tree branches – how will those be taken care of?

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

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 10:30 AM

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This is very unnecessary and will increase my cost for the same level of service. Why should we all be mandated to pay for the garbage collection the city wants to choose for us? Government does not know

better than its citizens, and I urge you to please stop this insanity and let us continue to choose our own hauler.

Abby Michaud Loesch
1244 JAMES AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

Carol Vitek - 651-698-5786

Called saying she is very much opposed to city-wide trash hauling. Government should not get involved.

From: Harold Turnquist [mailto:harold.turnquist@gmail.com]

Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 12:36 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward3

Subject: Refuse Collection

Dear Councilman Tolbert,

Our family has used Ken Berquist and Son disposal since our home was built in 1948. In the intervening 69 years Ken Berquist and later his son Jim have provided extraordinary service. We have been extremely satisfied with Berquist, value the consistent quality service provided for almost 70 years, and do not want to lose them as our service provider.

Under the refuse collection plan to be presented to the City Council our costs will increase by 33% or \$101.16 per year. Over half of this cost increase is the City's "administrative fee". The additional "benefits" of the pickup of a Christmas tree and three "bulk" items per year are essentially worthless to us and in no way compensate for the sharp increase in refuse collection costs. Additionally there is a good chance we may be saddled with another hauler.

Our family has never objected to the higher property taxes in Highland and view them as the trade off for the quality of life including Hillcrest Recreation Center, Highland Library, Highland Aquatic Center, etc. We do, however, strongly object to the City mandating refuse collection service providers and the steep cost increase associated with the City's proposed contract.

We are not alone in this and we join our neighbors who have expressed anger and frustration at the arrogant attitude exhibited by the City staff with respect to recycling and the proposed refuse collection contract. Conversations with City staff months ago expressing concerns about this proposed contract definitely gave the impression that this is a "done deal".

As a retired public employee living on a fixed PERA pension and social security our family does not need our collection costs increased by 1/3 with no payback or increase in service. Equally concerning is the probable loss of our longtime valued hauler. We would strongly urge you to vote against the proposed refuse contract.

Sincerely,

Harold Turnquist

Anne Novotny

1915 Beechwood Avenue

Saint Paul, MN 55116

Beginning 7/18/17

Organized Trash

Public Record

Ward 5

Christopher Carter
11xx Bradley – Ward 5
In Support of Organized Trash
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Jerry Phillipi – Ward 5
Against Organized Trash
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390 So. Prior – Ward 3
Against Organized Trash
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Mary Mote Maute
281 Cecelia Place – Ward 3
Against Organized Trash
**

Donald Paschke
1095 Norton – Ward 5
Against Organized Trash
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Ronald Mickus Sr.
Object to coordinated trash collection.
1672 Wanda St.

John Sieberer
Currently pays on \$41.77 quarterly for trash (Advance). New proposal would increase by \$180 a year including the property tax fee. Current service is good quality and affordable.
353 Rose Ave. E. – Ward 5

Gene Byland
Objects to city run trash service. Likes less traffic on streets from garbage trucks, but does not like increase in price.
827 W. Hoyt Ave. – Ward 5
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Best regards,

Dave Schoenecker

651-398-1704

10xx California Ave W

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Thomas Quinn

7xx W. Montana Ave – Ward 5

Against Organized Trash

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I understand that there is a meeting about the City of St Paul taking over garbage collection on July 19th. I will not be able to attend, but would like to input my feelings regarding this. I like having a choice of my Hauler. I had garbage collection by the large firms and the service was never good. They charged extra if the barrel cover was not down. They never cleaned up if garbage got strewn on the ground when making the collection. The rates were constantly rising. I finally found a local hauler, EME Garbage Removal, whose rates were much more reasonable. Also, they never leave trash on the ground, and they put my container back to the fence. I am very happy with them and would hate to see another local business being removed from the market.

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I think the City of St Paul should let the citizens make their choice of the Garbage Hauler they would like to use.

I do not have choices by other City services, and now are taxes are being raised once again for the fees for Right of Way, Alley, and Tree Services. I think that the City should consider snow plowing the Alley as Minneapolis does. That is a service I cannot choose for myself as I can never get neighbors to participate in Snow Removal, and cannot afford to have the cost of snow removal of the entire alley. It seems strange that Minneapolis which is a much larger city can offer this service to residences, but St Paul never considers this important for residents safety for emergencies and garbage and recycling collection. Now if the recycling trucks cannot get in they just skip picking up. If the alleys were plowed everyone would be paying even the Landlords of all the rental properties (of which I have many and who will not participate), and we would have access all winter to the services we need.

Judith Sheehan

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ORGANIZED TRASH COLLECTION-Emailed

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I think most people don't like change, but do we really need to fix trash collection? When the government says it will cost less or the same it really means at least double in price when did anything get cheaper after the government took it over?

Mark Lehner

1021 JUNO AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55102

Ms. Noecker-

As a resident of your district and someone who voted for you I am asking that you vote to not have trash collection mandatory in the city of St Paul. I do not care if there is single company pick up. I think this is an OK idea. I do not agree with being forced to have the service.

There are only two people in my household 9 months out of the year. The other three months it is just me. I currently do not have a trash collector. I take my trash to Twin Cities Refuse. I do this 6-7 times a YEAR. This costs me no more than \$70 for the entire year to dispose of my trash. I recycle, compost, and certainly do not dump my trash illegally. I will be hard pressed to produce enough garbage to warrant a pick up, even at the minimum twice a month.

The proposed, mandatory, fees for trash collection will more than triple my trash budget. The "administrative fee" and one month of pick up will exceed what I currently spend in a year.

I do understand in order to try to get the jerks to stop dumping their trash on the side of the road it is thought everybody needs to be charged for the service. I think the pay off will be less than the detriment to people like me who produce little garbage and especially the elderly who may have a limited income and also produce little garbage.

Vote NO for city wide, mandatory trash collection, please.

George Auffert

966 Bayard Ave
St Paul, MN 55102
651 690 3658

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Barb Sturm

544 WINONA ST E

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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

Dear Council Member Rebecca Noecker,

As a newer resident of St Paul, I fully support the city taking steps to consolidate and organize the garbage collection. More centralized collection will be more efficient. I understand the concerns around smaller companies losing out. That is indeed a likely outcome, and we shouldn't gloss over the likely negative consequences. However, the benefits are very clear, and in my opinion outweigh the negatives.

I encourage you as our local leader to support the overhaul of garbage collection, and to communicate the benefits and acknowledge the downside. People need to feel heard, but we also need to move forward.

Sincerely,

Tom Ett
427 Sidney St W

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keep your hands off my garbage!!!! It's just a cash cow for the city as always stop spending money you don't and should never have!! One money making scheme after another. If the city took over a desert there would be a shortage of sand let it go thank you

david schouveller

435 WYOMING ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55107

Ms. Noecker-

As a resident of your district and someone who voted for you I am asking that you vote to not have trash collection mandatory in the city of St Paul. I do not care if there is single company pick up. I think this is an OK idea. I do not agree with being forced to have the service.

There are only two people in my household 9 months out of the year. The other three months it is just me. I currently do not have a trash collector. I take my trash to Twin Cities Refuse. I do this 6-7 times a YEAR. This costs me no more than \$70 for the entire year to dispose of my trash. I recycle, compost, and certainly do not dump my trash illegally. I will be hard pressed to produce enough garbage to warrant a pick up, even at the minimum twice a month.

The proposed, mandatory, fees for trash collection will more than triple my trash budget. The "administrative fee" and one month of pick up will exceed what I currently spend in a year.

I do understand in order to try to get the jerks to stop dumping their trash on the side of the road it is thought everybody needs to be charged for the service. I think the pay off will be less than the detriment to people like me who produce little garbage and especially the elderly who may have a limited income and also produce little garbage.

Vote NO for city wide, mandatory trash collection, please.

George Auffert

966 Bayard Ave
St Paul, MN 55102
651 690 3658

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I don't want this... never asked for it and tired of government finding more ways to expand their reach, personnel justifications, and desire to build more departments & policies. I'm not the brightest bulb but I seem to be capable of handling my own trash. Take the \$\$ and spend it on cleaning up the discards and other issues that are the supposed root of this endeavor. Then maybe you can find time to deal with legitimate issues... like crime, roads, taxes and government waste...

GARY DUNCAN

223 CONGRESS ST W

Saint Paul, MN 55107

ORGANIZED TRASH COLLECTION-Phone Calls

-No good reason to change his garbage collection. What's the point? It's only going to cause double inflation.

Anonyms Caller:

-Calling to encourage CM Noecker to vote "NO". Let the private sector continue the garbage collection.

Charles Thooft
184 Robie St. W
651-291-1708

-Opposing the city to pick up her garbage

Sheryl Duff
270 Winona St. E
651-291-0519

-Opposing to the organized trash collection. She wants her hauler as she been with them for 30 years.

Debbie Korthof-Stanton
197 Isabel St W
651-224-3167

-Thank you for all the hard work that you do. Please support the bill for organized trash.

Tom
651-488-0642

I'm requesting more than just having the statement submitted. I want to be very clear about what I'm looking for. Please let me know if I need to submit more information or change plans in order to attend the Hearing see that this viewpoint is represented. (While some may think this is a little thing, to many this expense can mean a great deal.)

STATEMENT:

I have attached my statement to this email. Please confirm receipt. Also, please let me know if I should be providing a statement with my address redacted (I assume not redacted, since I'm proving I'm a resident; let me know whether that is the case).

PLEASE NOTE:

I am asking Jane to stand firm in asserting that residents should pay an amount similar to the one I currently pay. I was able to negotiate this rate by myself. Surely, the City, with the bargaining power of all of its residents, can negotiate a similar rate. All residents will be stuck with whatever deal is negotiated by the City - we won't have another option. Please do not allow the Haulers to gouge us because "they can" or because some Haulers have been doing so previously with some residents.

The push for organized hauling came from an affluent part of the City. Please keep in mind that not all residents can afford to pay more for their trash collection.

SOCIAL MEDIA CONVERSATIONS:

Notice has gone out to the neighborhoods via nextdoor.com. I have been having a conversation with Ward 7 residents about the upcoming

Public Hearing. While talking about the potential of a rate increase, here are a few of the comments:

- I'm on a fixed income. If it goes any higher, I'm not going to be able to afford it
- I have been here 16 years and paid for the disposal of 2 large items during that time. I will now be forced to pay for 3 every year!
- I wonder what this means for rates. Right now, if the price goes up, I call and ask for a deal because pickup is so competitive - I can usually get them to drop it back down to about 15/month.
- Right now I am paying \$15.82 a month, which comes out to \$189.84. We have a medium container. I am sure it will at minimum double when you consider that it will add into the Escrow which will then be included in my mortgage payment.
- With tax, etc., I'm paying \$14.42 per month for a small container. This is up from intro rate, which was a dollar less for the first year. Highland Sanitation.
- That's about what I pay Highland, too. It won't be that low once the city gets their fingers into it!
- It is always trouble when there is 1, especially big government, having monopoly on a dictated, needed service.
- They were taking input about a year ago & I submitted my garbage bill, along with contacting Ms. Prince. From her response back then, sounded to me like she was getting very little input & didn't think it was an issue in our district. Personally, I think the city has many more important problems that they haven't solved. But, that's modern day government for you.

REQUEST:

Please inform us of Jane's position regarding this issue and whether she will be standing firm on keeping rates low.

Thank you,

Julie

PS: I have a dispute from some time ago with a Hauler who did not provide service to me but continues to send me bills for that service. Should that Hauler be assigned to my area, I would expect that they would be made to provide service, without being able to demand a payment which I dispute. Is this something the City Council has addressed in negotiations? I feel it could become a problem for some residents, should they have a similar issue.

Jane and Stephanie -- I just took a look at the rates cited in the proposal (which I found attached to the City Council's Agenda).

Assuming the monthly rates found at pp. 3 and 4 are accurate, they seem reasonable EXCEPT for the fuel surcharge of \$3.49 per month. This amount is excessive and should not be allowed. Gasoline is a cost-of-doing business for these haulers. My current hauler does not charge a fuel surcharge and

this should not be allowed to be tacked on. Haulers' routes will be concentrated into specific areas, lowering the amount of gas they use. To suddenly tack on a gigantic fuel surcharge is a thinly veiled attempt to add to their profits. If anything, a fuel surcharge of \$.25 or \$.50 per household could possibly be seen as reasonable.

I also see that there is a letter from Summit Hill Association objecting to the short notice for the hearing. I agree completely with this objection.

Julie Tinkham

Good thought, Josephine. However - my neighbor has a house that is 2/3 the size of mine (not to mention no garage, etc.) and they have an overflowing garbage can each week. They have 3 people (one in diapers) so the garbage production is HUGE. Basing it on # of people is faulty - how will you confirm that (my other neighbors have no fewer than 8 people in their 3-bedroom home) - and size of the home punishes empty-nesters like me.

In all other communities where I lived it was flat-fee.

On Mon, Jul 17, 2017 at 10:55 AM, Josephine A. Geiger <jageiger.studio@comcast.net> wrote:
Jane, et. al.

I want to briefly chime in. I am mostly for the city providing disposal services, but as a single person household and my friend (neighbor) is as well, we have shared a single medium can for almost 10 years now. And rarely, like maybe a half-dozen times a year, do we even fill the can past half-way. No matter what the negotiated rate will end up being, for us, our rates will at the very least double, and possibly triple.

I think the rate should also be tied to the size of the household, or square footage of the house and not the fair market value or amount of street frontage. A small square footage will not produce as much trash because in general there will not be huge families living in small houses. This wouldn't be a perfect system, but it would be more accurate (in my opinion) than a purely tax base valuation. Maybe it could be a tiered valuation with base charge derived from taxable value, and usage amount on size of household?
My two cents.

Thanks

Josephine

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Josephine A. Geiger

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From: Donna Fowler [mailto:fis.donna@gmail.com]

Sent: Monday, July 17, 2017 10:16 AM

To: Julie Tinkham

Cc: #CI-StPaul_Ward7; Prince, Jane (CI-StPaul); ~Josephine A. Geiger; Kevin Tetu; Harr, Stephanie (CI-StPaul);

John Oughton
Subject: Re: Yard waste

Julie, et al:

St Paul is the only community in which I have lived where the city did not provide disposal services, but service was provided with minimal cost and high convenience to residents. I, personally, believe this can be a good idea for the city **pending answers to questions like yours** but getting others to agree will require a great amount of change management, which will require clear answers and communication. I feel the City has failed in these two tasks. (I have lived in 7 different communities, with St Paul being the only one in Minnesota.)

We are also hearing similar concerns in other Nextdoor communities (since your neighborhood and mine don't "connect" you may not see those concerns.) This plan is very poorly supported as is. The main concerns is losing competitive pricing and a right to self-determine providers. Many others, like me, are concerned about the yard waste feature and a cost of including 3 large items per year.

My garbage bill doubled when Veolia was bought by a national hauler. When I decided to change to providers this year, and wanted to add yard waste pickup, the local providers said they don't provide it to my neighborhood. Oddly, they do provide it to other neighborhoods. I am forced to pay national rates just to have yard waste pickup because I live a mile from the yard waste site.. I pay approximately \$280 per year with an additional \$10/mo for yard waste season. Most times my garbage can contains one 13-gallon bag because I live alone and am gone frequently. Yard waste is nearly always full and the past three weeks I have had to put out additional bags.

Perhaps, since the City meeting overlaps with an also-important St Paul Police Community meeting, a few of us on the Eastside can meet tonight or tomorrow night, share notes and then divide and conquer the poorly planned input sessions.

I'm willing to locate a spot if we are all open to that. Our input is important to both these groups.

-donna

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I should not be required to use a specific hauler. I like mine and I like the competitive prices I pay. Don't change what isn't broken.

Christopher Schmitz

2193 CONWAY ST
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Good Day Council member Prince.

My wife and I hope you will support organized trash hauling in St. Paul.
We have been attending the meetings and supporting the work of the Macalaster-Groveland Community Council since this was first suggested.

Thank You,

Scott Sinks
Carol Christensen
1605 McLean Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106

From: rpsmhhoward@juno.com [<mailto:rpsmhhoward@juno.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 9:45 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Subject: Trash hauler agreement

Councilmember Prince,

We read with dismay that the Saint Paul City Council has reached an agreement with the fifteen firms that dispose of the city's waste. We very much disagree that removing competition from the market will somehow improve our city. If removing trucks from city streets is the goal, why stop with trash haulers? There are at least four grocery stores within walking distance from our house. Imagine how many trucks could be removed from our roads if the city limited the number of grocery stores to fifteen? Or gas stations? Or any other business?

We also do not understand why the city needs to add anything to property taxes. Trash haulers have a long and successful history of distributing and managing carts. Let them handle this.

As for the trash haulers being the main point of contact for customer service issues, if the city council eliminates the voters ability to choose who hauls their trash then it should be the city council that hears all about "customer service issue".

City managed trash collection will not stop people from littering or lower any city costs related to this cleanup

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We urge you to vote "No" on the proposed agreement or any other attempt to restrict our choices in who hauls our trash.

Sincerely
Rick and Pam Howard.

From: Timothy Frankland [mailto:tdfrankland@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, July 12, 2017 5:01 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7 <Ward7@ci.stpaul.mn.us>
Subject: Organized Trash Collection

Councilmember Prince,

I write to you today in opposition to the proposed organized trash collections arrangement that is pending in the city of St. Paul.

In all honesty, there is much I like about the proposed arrangement. Living on a road that is busy already, it will be wonderful not to have trash trucks from various companies going back and forth down our street at least five days a week. It would serve the city well to minimize the wear and tear on our city streets caused by so many trucks.

What I cannot support, however, is the omission of a so-called Labor peace agreement that was originally included in negotiations. Trash collection workers should be able to organize themselves and join labor unions, if they so desire. Insisting on a Labor peace agreement ensures that management of the various trash collection companies will remain neutral when their employees are considering unionization efforts.

All workers should enjoy the opportunity to explore and even join labor unions free from intimidation of any form. Failure to include a Labor peace agreement does all workers in the trash collection industry in Saint Paul a disservice.

For this reason, I urge you to oppose the proposed trash collection bill, and I urge you to vote NO when it comes up for a vote.

Thank you for all that you do for Ward 7 and for our city as a whole.

Sincerely,
Timothy Frankland

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I am very happy with my current service - particularly the cost which is much cheaper than my prior hauler. Pick up days have not been an issue in my neighborhood and this concept of city mandated hauler annoys the hell out of me. Leave it as is please!

Douglas McKee

2215 CARVER AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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374 LONDIN PL
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Please do not support. I wish to chose my own collection provider. Next we will be facing a for-profit company collecting our recycling.

Linda McInerney

66 FLANDRAU PL
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I SAY LET THE PEOPLE OF ST.PAUL PUT THIS TO A VOTE EITHER YES OR NO. IT'S WE THE PEOPLE NOT WE THE GOVERNMENT

David Nasby

1885 5TH ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Linda Her

1024 WAKEFIELD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Hi Jane,

I see in one of our neighborhood groups, that the city is moving towards organized trash collection. I think this is a fantastic idea and hope it goes through. It doesn't make sense to me to have multiple garbage trucks making noise and wearing down the streets. I'm also excited about the large item pick up!

Thanks for the work you do for the neighborhood!

Ann Larson
157 Bates

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James Reyes

1155 BURNS AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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LeeAnn Schumann

152 MARIA AVE
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Melissa Zelle

1336 MARGARET ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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ronald zimanski

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I'm am so against this from happening. I own a small family business and I know this will hurt small business. We have a family owned company picking up our trash that we chose for this. I do not want the city to make my decisions for me. I always support these types of business's for obvious reasons. Do not let this happen.

Valerie Erickson

2206 MATTERHORN LN
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Please stay out of my trash. I deserve to choose my own hauler. You spent tobs of money overtaking the recycling and now I have a hideous container in front of my house that I can't hide. Let it be.

Angela Rodriguez

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Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Many of us in my neighborhood have taken recycling to the max and because of this we are able to share a single bin between two households This works for us and is helpful financially--some of us struggle to get by, working two jobs or trying to survive on a fixed income.

How dare you people foist this unnecessary plan on us--a plan that will hurt haRd working citizens.

Don't put your pride ahead of St Paul citizens,

Anne Pink

657 SHORT ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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This is a terrible idea. The City tried this before, it didn't work then, what makes them think it will work now? I am tired of having my choices taken away from me. What makes them think their choice is better than my own? All they will achieve is companies that will do a so-so job because they won't have to please their customers to keep them as customers won't have any choices. And you can believe the costs will skyrocket as any government run program does. Tell them to keep their nose out of my trash and go do some City work that is worthy of them.

Margaret Ostrum

134 MOUNDS BLVD
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! For the last 20 years or more there has been a push to educate people in St Paul and change their mindset from trash disposal to recycling. My household and many of our neighbors bought into this idea realizing how important it is for us to take care of our precious and fragile environment. We have worked hard to get to a point

where we recycle both curbside in the city program and through all the Ramsey county programs. Our recycling far exceeds our trash. Personally, our household's trash for a week fits into ONE SMALL plastic grocery bag!!! People in our neighborhood share trash carts with each other. Usually the smallest size available. WE DO NOT NEED OR WANT THE CITY TO INTERFERE WITH OUR CURRENT SYSTEM! We are avid recyclers. That's what you wanted. The proposal you are making flies in the face of the progress and momentum going. I will not be party to enabling other people's poor choices or laziness! I do not want to be penalized financially for choosing to be a good steward of our resources and Mother Earth. The programs needed are already in place. If the city does anything, it should be to penalize those who are NOT using the recycling programs already in place.

Dianne Ward

148 MARIA AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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The small businesses keep the monthly cost in check, the rates will skyrocket if this goes through, the city needs to stay out of it.

David Emmons

2169 4TH ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Hello Ms.Prince, The city of St.Paul should keep out of the business of telling me where I am supposed to get my garbage collected. The city council should be doing more important things like trying to save tax payers money on other things instead of spending my money foolishly. PLEASE listen to the VOTERS and do not demand I get my garbage collected from someone specific. If you do this you are forming a MONOPOLY for garbage collection and that does not sound like a prudent thing to be doing with MY tax monies.

We share garbage with our neighbor because we have so little trash and now the city council of St. Paul is going to start charging me for trash collection I do not use...please tell me how this is fair to people like me. Just because we have deadbeats in the city who decide to throw tires and furniture in secluded parts of the city parks does not mean my trash should be hauled by some contracted big time trash hauler that will put the little trash hauler out of business.

DO NOT TELL ME WHERE TO GET MY TRASH HAULED. YOU GET IN FRONT OF THE "FREIGHT TRAIN" AND STOP IT NOW SO MY TAXES DO NOT GO UP ANY MORE1
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Grant Ward

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Angela Wolter

2112 REANEY AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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ione maxwell

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Scott Babou

1715 WILSON AVE
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I prefer small family owned haulers and do not want large national haulers which charge high rates. My rate is very low and as a senior on fixed income, this works for me. Thank you.

Dianne Chapeau

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We as citizens do not need anymore corporate assignments on our trash. Look at what happened to the recycling program. Half the bins don't get picked up and there are ridiculous rules on how the bins are to be placed and so and so. Leave it be as it is, there is no need to change what is working. I as a resident should be able to choose which garbage company I want to haul away my trash.

Ma Thao

1031 REANEY AVE
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I want the right to choose my trash service. I had the same company for years and I dont want to change.

Kim Steele

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Colleen Gillis

2209 MITCHELL AVE
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The number of trucks on a street is doing the damage people think. With multiple axles and tires the weight is dispersed evenly . Fix the crime on the streets and stay out of my trash .

Tim Maidl

182 VALLEYSIDE DR
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Jamie Karras

831 LAKE ST
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Council-member Prince,

I've lived at 1383 Burns Avenue for the past 26 years.

I have heard that the city is looking to limit my choice of trash haulers, by imposing restrictions upon trash haulers, to be able to service only one area of the city.
I oppose this change.

This change will only serve to limit my freedom of choice; it will eliminate competition between haulers, thus creating monopolies; and will only drive up the cost for citizens of St. Paul.

This change will also put small family businesses out of operation, thus leaving only the choice of large impersonal companies, such as Waste Management, creating a monopoly and higher costs to the citizens.

I've also heard that the city is trying to impose unionization of drivers, upon these small family haulers, by requiring them to join the Teamsters Union.
History has shown that the Teamsters Union is a corrupt organization that leads to conflicts and higher costs of goods and services.
By imposing this, you will be putting the fox in charge of the hen house.

The excuse that there is too much truck traffic in neighborhoods, because of multiple haulers on multiple days does not justify this change.

Even with one hauler per area, there will still need to be the same number of homes serviced, the same number of stops to be made and the same number of miles driven.

I live on a very busy street and having one hauler per area, will have absolutely no positive effect upon my area.

The City of St. Paul, needs to keep out of the way of free enterprise business and not try to control freedom of commerce.

Every time that the government, gets involved in the business of commerce, they cause negative unintended consequences.

The City of St. Paul needs to stop trying to force socialism down the throats of its citizens.

You were hired to represent the people and to exercise their will, not your will.

I ask you to vote against any of these changes to trash hauling in the City of St. Paul.

The city needs to mind its own business and fill the pot holes in the streets and manage the speeders that are driving down Burns Avenue every day.

What have you done lately to limit the noise of vehicles driving without mufflers and loud music and loud motorcycles with loud blasting music, that drive by my home every day?

What have you done to slow the speed of the traffic on Burns Avenue? I never see any police presence or traffic stops for speeding by St. Paul Police on Burns Avenue for the past 26 years.

The City Council needs to stick to the business that they were hired for and not to get involved where they are not needed.

Thomas Brock
651-771-4198

From: colinwilkinson@hotmail.com [<mailto:colinwilkinson@hotmail.com>]

Sent: Friday, April 07, 2017 6:32 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward7

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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michael draz

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My Garbage is very. The council getting involved will only make my rates go up and not make it better. You think you can keep your hands off my money for a change. You don't need to control everything.

Shannon Nelson

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Thomas&james Cran

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Stevem Misukanis

91 BATTLE CREEK PL
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Pauline Stoddard

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Mary Vasyerling

1728 BEECH ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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My husband and I much prefer to have control over choosing our garbage hauler. Please do not change how this is handled.

Julaine Roffers-Agarwal

1769 ROSS AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Nicole Guillette
2164 5TH ST E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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2104 NOKOMIS AVE
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Kathy Vasterling

1990 WARBLER LN
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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Quit adding to the liberal policies and agendas to the bureaucracy of STP. I enjoy the free market and able to choose who provides my service.

N Johnson

583 BURLINGTON RD
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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We have had to switch haulers several times due to unsatisfactory service. Under the new plan, we would be assigned a hauler, and would be stuck with that one, no matter how their service is.

Ralph Ludden

1607 BURNS AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Dear Council Member Jane Prince,

A city takeover of the garage system is a complicated process and an overstep by the City of Saint Paul. It's the wrong idea at the wrong time. I object to the City's efforts to create a one-size-fits "solution" for every neighborhood and resident.

This constraining system will take choice away from homeowners, endangers companies' operations, and put employees out of work. Saint Paul should be focusing its time and energy on the skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs.

Please listen to your constituents and stop this unnecessary government overreach.

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Free enterprise is the corner stone of American business. Competition provides consumers choices and pushes businesses to deliver the highest quality of goods and services. This proposal is an unnecessary over reach that endangers free enterprise. Please recognize that your constituents do not support or endorse this action. A no vote is appropriate representation.

Patricia Gould

145 RUTH ST N
Saint Paul, MN 55119

Good Day Council member Prince.

My wife and I hope you will support organized trash hauling in St. Paul.
We have been attending the meetings and supporting the work of the Macalaster-Groveland Community Council since this was first suggested.

Thank You,

Scott Sinks
Carol Christensen
1605 McLean Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55106

Phone call:

Opposed to government take over for trash. The private sector is doing fine
Michelle Wilson

From: Joel Jensen [<mailto:joel@joeljensen.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, February 15, 2017 5:59 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: garbage rates

Council member Thao,

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

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1leORHWCPfM-v79zdJy4HrGriloARctWIETJTq8l7Mk/edit#gid=0>

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

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

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

I'm thinking that since:

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

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

However Im thinking that the city may get fleeced.

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

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

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

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

Thanks

Joel Jensen

(612) 978-8636

joel@joeljensen.com

www.joeljensen.com

10XX Portland Ave

Saint Paul, MN 55104-7011

From: BobKopf [<mailto:bobkopf@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, March 08, 2017 5:44 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: NO to organized trash collection

Dai,

I am opposed to organized trash collection. I am very happy with my private contract hauler and wish to

continue to contract on my own for trash removal.

I view city collection as just the first step (or maybe one more step) in the city dictating how much trash I can

generate from my property. This is not the city's job. And the more I generate the more the city benefits

given the misguided purchase of the trash burner!

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

Thanks

Bob Kopf

95X Ashland Ave, 950 Ashland Ave.

St Paul MN

From: kaonouy@hotmail.com [<mailto:kaonouy@hotmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Kaonou Flood

90X LAUREL AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

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

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

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Leng Yang

10XX STINSON ST

Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: Thomas Broder [mailto:thomasbroder@gmail.com]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: In support of city garbage collection

I am writing to express my support for the city moving to organized garbage collection. I think it would be great

to have garbage trucks on the block only one day out of the week and it would be nice to only see carts out on

the sidewalk only one day a week. It seems as though this would also reduce wear & tear on our roads, be more

environmentally friendly with fewer trucks driving the city each week and I hope it might reduce illegal

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

Thomas Broder
10XX Blair avenue
St. Paul, MN 55104
(612) 990-0320

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Monica Dobihal
12XX DAYTON AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

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Charles Kuhl

1XX WESTERN AVE N

Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: Beverlyhei@gmail.com [<mailto:Beverlyhei@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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

Bev Hei

11XX ASHLAND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: robertbirch@att.net [<mailto:robertbirch@att.net>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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The recycling take over has been a major fail on my block. The service is unreliable at best and there are weeks when it is not been picked up at all. Bins are overflowing and I find myself picking up other people's trash almost daily. Please don't allow this to happen with trash as well. I smell socialism at its finest.

Pamela Birch

5XX SUMMIT AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: deb.kuhl.dk@gmail.com [<mailto:deb.kuhl.dk@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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Deb Kuhl

16X WESTERN AVE N

Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: Rox777jacksmom@gmail.com [<mailto:Rox777jacksmom@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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

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

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

Roxane Holmes

40X LAFOND AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: Darius D. Massoudi [<mailto:darius.massoudi@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Support for Organized Trash Collection Resolution

Hello,

I am a constituent and homeowner who lives at 1011 Stinson Street. I am writing to urge the councilmember to

support Wednesday's proposed resolution which would allow the city to solicit bids for organized trash. I think

the current trash companies' ad campaigns against this proposal are extremely misleading. A bid would allow

for a "Plan B" in case the negotiations with the current garbage companies fail, and could potentially be far

cheaper than the consortium approach. I want our city to put the interests of our citizens first, not the profits of

the garbage companies.

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

From: markconnor@juno.com [<mailto:markconnor@juno.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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

Sincerely and respectfully, ----Mark Connor

Mark Connor

6XX LAUREL AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: Amy Michael [<mailto:ahmike91@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Organized Garbage Collection

Dear Councilmember Thao,

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

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

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

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

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

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

Amy Michael

5XX Dayton Avenue

St. Paul, MN 55102

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

From: Patrice Tetta [<mailto:ptetta@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Trash collection

Dear Council Member Thao -

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

support the consolidation of trash pickup in this city. I have lived in more than a dozen cities - big and small - across the U.S. over the years (including Minneapolis) and trash collection was a city service. Saint Paul's current system is antiquated, inconvenient, and unnecessary. (So is the "system" for alley plowing, which is also typically a city service, but that's a topic for another day). If most American cities can figure out this issue I feel certain Saint Paul can. We need to join the 21st Century.
Thanks for you time!
Patrice Tetta
12XX Summit Ave 55105

From: DarylNatz@aol.com [<mailto:DarylNatz@aol.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Trash Pickup Disaster

The Council's plan to change trash pickup is a disaster. Why do you insist that we, the taxpayers and voters in St. Paul, should adhere to your dictatorship? This is not St. Moscow. And why should we be shouldered with cost of services that we do not need or that we have to subsidize other neighborhoods? We're tired of all the new taxes and costs that you and the Council impose on us.

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

Daryl and Marilyn Natz
4XX Ashland Ave.

From: Michael E. Murphy [mailto:m.e_murphy@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, April 20, 2017 8:36 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Trash Collection

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

City trash hauling proposal in the circular file! Thanks for considering this opinion, and we hope to hear back from you that you agree with us.

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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Monica Dobihal

12XX DAYTON AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: bfitz915@gmail.com [mailto:bfitz915@gmail.com]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs. The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! Horrible job done with implementation of recycling bins. Curbside pick-up in bins worked better with the small amount of recycling done on my square block. The city should not interfere with resident's choice of private trash haulers, which is working fine in my neighborhood.

Barbara Fitzgerald
9XX MARION ST
Saint Paul, MN 55117

From: bernard@gonzalez.com [mailto:bernard@gonzalez.com]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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Bernard Gonzalez
6XX SUMMIT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55105

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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Dear Mr. Thao,

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

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

From: billh138@gmail.com [<mailto:billh138@gmail.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

Dear Council Member Dai Thao,

A complete take over of garbage service in Saint Paul is far more complicated and not something city hall should be involved in. We object to City appointees efforts to create a government-run, one-size-fits "solution" for every home dictating costs and service level arrangements. This is the wrong idea at the wrong time. A takeover of garbage takes the choice away from homeowners, puts companies out of business, and employees out of work. Saint Paul should be focusing its time and energy on skyrocketing skyway and gun crime, balancing the city budget, fixing rec centers, and recruiting new businesses and jobs. The City shouldn't fix something that is not broken! I am not in favor of city-run garbage. I don't think the city council is dealing with the garbage haulers in good faith. The dual track explanation is a joke. I vote.

Bill Holland
11XX ASHLAND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: Nkconley@yahoo.com [<mailto:Nkconley@yahoo.com>]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Nancy Conley
1XX MACKUBIN ST
Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: Mparish38@gmail.com [mailto:Mparish38@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, June 26, 2017 4:08 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
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Free enterprise keeps prices low service up..this is not likely to occur should the govt get involved as Ronald Reagan said... "the worst thing you can hear is someone telling that he is from the government and us here to help you"

Michael Parush
XX MACKUBIN ST

Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: None@none.com
Sent: Sunday, July 02, 2017 1:54 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Richard Kirscher
6XX FRONT AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: jaws3@centurylink.net [mailto:jaws3@centurylink.net]
Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 9:54 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram
Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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

Joseph Wiese
7XX BLAIR AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Jostiene Windish

XX WINNIPEG AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55117

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

Sent: Friday, July 07, 2017 6:44 AM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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Completion is a good way to keep the system functioning properly I think, and keep prices down and keep choices in our control. Thank you

Romaine Fricke

3XX MARSHALL AVE

Saint Paul, MN 55102

From: Debbie Meister [<mailto:dmeister.mmc@gmail.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 10, 2017 2:10 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Subject: Organized Trash Collection--2 Thumbs Up

Hello Councilmember Thao,

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

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

Debbie Meister and Gene Christenson

13XX Portland Ave

Saint Paul, MN

From: asanders@usfamily.net [<mailto:asanders@usfamily.net>]

Sent: Sunday, July 09, 2017 6:20 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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But on garbage pick-up I have even more concern. I am a super-saver. I use very little, recycle and compost most of it. My little recycling cart fills up in about a month. My regular sized garbage can fills up in about 2 months. I have on-call pick-up with Highland. Therefore I pay \$20 per pick-up for a full garbage can rather than \$XX? per month for weekly pick-up of nearly empty cans. Don't you dare start making me pay for

weekly pick-up! That is the opposite of what ought to be done. PLEASE have on-call pick-up, no matter what else you do.

Amy Anderson
3XX AURORA AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55103

From: Dfjambor@alumni.stthomas.edu [mailto:Dfjambor@alumni.stthomas.edu]

Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 10:05 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

Subject: Wrong Idea, Wrong Time

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Daniel Jambor
15XX IGLEHART AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

From: Edward1027@comcast.net [mailto:Edward1027@comcast.net]

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

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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If the City should do this please make sure it's the cost must be less than all what the private Co that a resident current have now, because now all resident tire of hight cost

on garbage out there. please try to save your people money for living, not to try to find way to put biggest cost or collect money from your people or by used power to your resident because your are the boss or we voted you.. Thanks.

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

From: Andrew Wagner [<mailto:awags777@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 06, 2017 2:49 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Trash Collection

Councilman Thao,

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

Thanks,

Andrew Wagner
238 Victoria Street N
St. Paul, MN 55104

Hi

I live at 589 Portland Ave and am in your district. Please support organized trash collection.

Barbara Tretheway.

From: Lara Christley [<mailto:lara.christley@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 11, 2017 4:33 PM
To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1
Subject: Garbage collection

Hello, hello!

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

Best regards,
Lara Christley

Phone Call 7/12 9:15 AM:

Therese Capistrant, 993 Englewood – opposed to organized trash, says that the bulky item fee should be per use, they will never use so they'd be paying for a service they won't need; also should be a senior amount.

7/12/17 2:00 PM

Greetings Councilman Thao,

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

Thank you for your time.

- Jen

W1 Resident

From: margjones128@gmail.com [mailto:margjones128@gmail.com]

Sent: Thursday, July 13, 2017 3:17 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward1

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

Margaret Ridge

834 LAFOND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

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

thomas tehle

926 PARK ST
Saint Paul, MN 55117

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

Thanks for your consideration in this matter.

Dyan Matczynski

28 ST ALBANS ST N

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Vang pao Lee

885 EDMUND AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55104

Phone call 7/14 11:30 AM

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

Phone call 7/14 11:35 am:

Marilyn J Graeber, 272 Front: Opposed to organized trash, she's had current hauler for years and likes them.

Phone Call 7/17:

Michelle Anderson
847 Holly

[Called to state she is opposed to the organized trash collection](#)

Phone call 7/17/2017

[Kustritz's](#)

[345 Summit Ave](#)

[Woman called using the automated calling system to state that they are opposed to the garbage collection item.](#)

ORGANIZED TRASH FROM WARD 6

Stephanie Heitz @ 1081 Breen Street opposed organized trash.

Ozie Webster @ 484 Maryland Ave West opposed organized trash. Seniors cannot afford increase.

Laurie Pade @ 1546 Case Avenue opposes organized trash.

John Stoltz @ 1690 Sims Avenue opposed Organized trash.

Anonymous message left on voicemail – caller opposes organized trash! This was a senior on fixed income who pays \$51.76 for 3 months now so \$17.25/mo (now) vs \$24.40/mo plus \$52 admin fee is \$137.80 higher/year! Seniors cannot afford it. (no address or name left on voicemail)

Anton @ 1977 Hawthorne Ave E opposes organized trash. Seniors cannot afford the price increase on their fixed income!

Suzanne Lucas – 1987 Maryland Ave E opposes organized trash. She doesn't want to lose her current garbage company

Judith Hubbard @ 1715 Cottage Avenue E opposed organized trash.

Tom Skara 488-0642 is a retiree of Como and thinks we should accept Organized Trash. It needs and deserves more support than most people know or understand. 488-0642

Mr. Bostrom, I am incredibly unhappy about the proposed organized trash pickup actively being discussed and negotiated. The proposed rates plus administrative fees mean that for my family of 3, we still have an increase of \$130 dollars a year in trash fees with this program. I am a current customer of waste management and have negotiated hard, but fairly, for my family's trash needs. I do not give one care in the world about a Christmas tree pickup (we went artificial) and the 3 bulk items a year are more affordable to bring to advance disposal where the first 400 pounds (typically more than 3 items) is a mere \$40.

I'm also deeply concerned about the increasing number of "city services" being mandated to go through the alley. After 10 years in my home, our alley was finally seal coated for the first time this summer. It is my understanding that is to happen every 5 years. It doesn't. I also, with other residents on my block, pay to privately plow our alley so that people have access to their garages over the winter. I'm more unhappy than I can express politely that the city is taking advantage of that resident generosity, something that happens all over the city, to suit it's own agenda and using it for recycling and now for trash. If you're going to provide, and in fact mandate, city services be done via the alleys, the city needs to be responsible for maintenance of that surface.

Our recycling pickup reliability has been sketchy at best. The process of that transition was horrid. The city residents do not deserve to go through that again with this new trash system.

And while I'm at it, have you driven around your ward lately? They skim coated roads in the most haphazard way this summer and it looks appalling. Drive down Duluth from Maryland to Case this week for a preview. Was it too cost prohibitive to skim coat to the curb? I have no idea what the thought process was here but it is an eyesore.

Sincerely, Carrie Wittenberg Carrie Wittenberg carriewittenberg@gmail.com

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Lisa Grell Lisa.grell@comcast.net

1048 EARL ST
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I spent a lot of time calling around to get the best rate for the small amount of garbage I create. I have been a composter and recycler and always shop carefully, consider packaging, etc. I am a one-member household. Why should I have to pay the same price as the super-consumer family across the alley with the 3 giant bins that are always overflowing. It just doesn't make sense. Water & Sewer rates are based upon volume; so should trash!

Lee Bush Lb12star@aol.com

1050 HAWTHORNE AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I do not want to be assigned a trash Company of the city choice, would like to continue with my person choice based on quality of company service.

Marcel Thompson marcelthompson818@gmail.com

840 COOK AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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This is an outrageous move by the unions to expand their turf at the expense of the taxpayer and to the detriment of private business. We need to roll back unions and cut city staff by 20%, cut fire fighters by 50%. Our current mayor thinks he has been an agent for change, I don't think he can change his underwear.

Ray Ogren Rayogren@comcast.net

1188 IVY AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

I would like to know a survey of 10,000 residents of St Paul make a majority ruling in regards to our not having a choice in who picks up our trash! I think that somehow this is benefiting St Paul financially in

some way. Our right to choose is something that you have no business interfering in, unless your going to pick up the tab. Think long and hard on this again, or you will definitely be out of a job next election!

Sent from my iPad

Frank Pfiffner fpfiffner@corvalgroup.com

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I want to make my own choice.

Kathy Burth kathyburth@msn.com

1162 HYACINTH AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I believe this to be true, and the city should stay out. The recycling program has been terrible, and I don't want to have to deal with garbage not being picked up as scheduled too. ** There is a spelling mistake, so it should be garbage not garage.

Melissa Knudson melknudson6@gmail.com

655 SHERWOOD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Phone call 7/17/17

Susanne Lucas – 1987 Maryland Avenue E – opposes the city wide garbage plan. She doesn't want to lose her current hauler.

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The city should not be able to make these decisions for the residents. This causes a monopoly and eventually price increases will be in the works.

Pang Yang Pyang162@hotmail.com

1664 ORANGE AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Frank Guzzo yeguzzo@gmail.com

1836 SHERWOOD AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55119

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I had previously thought this would be an answer to a lot of problems, multiple trucks up and down our alleys every day of the week, wear and tear on alleys. Also annoys me that prices start inching up and you have to shop around for a better price. Now I'm afraid of being stuck with a specific hauler whether you are satisfied with the service or not. Will prices be even higher if adjusted by city? Can't shop around for better price! Would like more info before I would sign off on it.

peg liska peglsk@q.com

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Leave our garbage company choice to us. I can pick a small company with kind staff and good rates. I hate the large garbage companies. Monopolies are not what America is all about!!!

Erin Walsh (Erinwal@comcast.net)

2008 HYACINTH AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55119

I live at 617 Arlington Ave E.

Per the Pioneer Press "[No households will be allowed to opt out of trash collection entirely](#)....Some haulers could even enjoy net gains when the unknown number of households not now subscribed to trash collection are added to citywide collection, which will be mandatory."

I already am 'mandated' to pay for recycling (essentially another tax) even though I handled all my own recycling before all the bins arrived (hailed to Como). I don't have much at all (live alone) so it was no issue, but now its 'mandated' and is essentially a new tax on my home and costs me *far* more then handling on my own. Very unfair. There should be a way to **opt out** of mandatory recycling.

Now I see you are about to do the same thing with garbage service.

You cannot mandate people have garbage service. Its like mandating that everyone has Comcast Cable or Centurylink Internet or Verizon Cell phone service, I question the legality of mandating people purchase a private sector product or service (trash service) and requiring they pay it with their property taxes. This isn't appropriate.

People should be allowed to **opt out** of this service. City residents should have that option and not be 'mandated' to participate in whatever program you are evolving.

Thank you.

John Mowry JM renegade_soul@yahoo.com
617 Arlington Ave E

St Paul, MN 55130

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As a single person, I only need the smallest container. I do not want to be forced to pay for more than what I need. I like to support small local businesses. This will be one more reason I will be moving out of St. Paul as soon as I can.

LYNN DEXTER PNDXTR2019@GMAIL.COM

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I am very happy with hauler I have and I do not want the city dictating who I can or cannot use. There are so many areas St.Paul could and should focus on instead of getting involved in garbage hauling. The craziness on Maryland Ave. for instance! Thank you for your time.

Constance (Connie) Oppelt Constance.oppelt@hotmail.com

1056 ORANGE AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

Steve Glockner @ 1673 California called to say he is against organized trash. (phone call)

Elizabeth Berg @ 2130 Ivy Avenue E wants ward 6 to vote No to organized trash. (phone call)

Stephanie Chaple @ 2199 Nokomis Avenue is not in favor of Organized Trash. She wants to choose her own hauler and switch whenever she wants to. (phone call)

Shirley Raiter @ 2425 Nokomis Avenue is not in favor of Organized Trash. (phone call)

Jeffrey Duhn @ 2051 Clear Ave wants NO changes made to the garbage system. (phone call)

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I would think the City of St. Paul would have learned a valuable lesson about how it's residents feel after the fiasco of "the new recycling program". It's your job to listen to what the residents want and to help improve living in the City of St. Paul, not to make things more difficult and expensive, which is exactly what this ridiculous idea will do. I know of no one in this district who thinks this is a good thing.

Deborah Pfiffner dpfiffner@comcast.net

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Dan, I know you stand for common sense. Please fight for me. I voted for you every election.

Tom Curtis Tom.curtis1027@gmail.com

781 MONTANA AVE E
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From: jamesouthward@comcast.net [<mailto:jamesouthward@comcast.net>]

Sent: Sunday, June 25, 2017 9:11 PM

To: #CI-StPaul_Ward6

Cc: *CI-StPaul_AllInProgram

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jim southward

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Keep your hands out of our garbage. You should never be allowed to monopolize the garbage industry or any other industry for that matter. Shame on all you. So tired of all the over reach on regulations. You guys are killing us.

Mary Turner

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I want the city to provide trash pick up. I am tired of having others trash left on my property. I even received a letter from the city right after someone left a television on the boulevard in front of my house threatening action against me. If the city provided trash pick up there would be no reason for others to dump trash on my property.

Jeanne Wilkes

2301 NOKOMIS AVE
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I am on total disability. My collector has me on a very special rate and I really appreciate it. If they could match that I would approve but I don't really see that happening. Please don't pass this. Thank you.

Mary Stokvis

1352 CASE AVE
Saint Paul, MN 55106

„Good afternoon Dianna,

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I prefer to support small business. Thank you Diana James

Diana James

1664 MANTON ST
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Please leave well enough alone and allow free enterprise and honest competition to remain in Saint Paul. This is just another over reach of Government into the lives of its citizens.

Mary Speidel

865 MARYLAND AVE E
Saint Paul, MN 55106

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I think the city of st.Paul has more important things to worry about, than who should take over the garbage. Leave things alone, do something about health care and the 65% increase with gun problems. Or maybe the voters of st.Paul should clean out the garbage that's in office trying to dictate to the citizens on what we can and can't have. Start listening to the people of st.Paul on what they want

Mary Schaefer

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Saint Paul, MN 55106

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Maria O Figueroa

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Cher Vang

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I should be able to decide who I pay and how much I am willing to pay to have my trash picked up.

The roll-out of the new Saint Paul citywide recycling was terrible. What makes you think taking over trash collecting would be any better?

I have no faith that it would be.

I also think some of the smaller companies would be forced out of business.

Michael Florin michael.florin@comcast.net

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What happened to our choices

Diane Nosbish Peaches59@comcast.net

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I think this is a great idea if it is done correctly. The new recycling program I think is great o have half the trash that I use to. I have a family 2 kids and my wife. We also have 2 dogs and of course have a lot of trash. If the new service would help my needs that I currently get from my current trash service at a decent amount. Maybe more people would use there trash and stop dumping stuff in my alley

Eric Hackett Erichackett@comcast.net

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I have Republic now, and couldn't be happier. They cost lots less than prior 2 companies, they do a great job. I don't want to switch

Julie Burdorf-Wagner Jbwagner@comcast.net

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Please find more pressing issues to focus on like housing for low income people and crime. stop messing around with concerns that aren't needed like making residents pay high prices for trash services eliminating equal competition.

Shoua Salas Vangsh04@gmail.com

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How about you spend time on illegal activities, like immigrants, guns, thugs roaming the streets, fireworks going off till 2 am AGAIN this year. Seems to me that every time justice wins out we are paying because we hurt some person's feelings. How about some tough love? Don't even get me started on your failed schools and the kids running them. FOCUS on being a city and not everything else. I have no complaints about my trash service. None. It's never great to take choice away and make people work the way you believe they should. I'm not a dancing monkey. You complain about how the trucks ruin the streets, yet my area's streets have been in disrepair for years. I'm not buying that one.

Andrew Voyer superunclea@gmail.com

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