

TRANSITION PASADENA

300 So. Los Robles Ave., Pasadena, CA 91101

May 22, 2014
Mayor Bill Bogaard, Pasadena City Council

Dear Mayor Bogaard,

The members of Transition Pasadena support the proposal by Christine Lenches-Hinkel to construct a composting facility within the limits of the City of Pasadena. Christine's plan offers great improvement on the current system of hauling nearly all organic waste to the landfill.

Transition Pasadena supports this plan because it will decrease green house gas emissions by trucks hauling our city's waste to a nearly full landfill, propel us to sooner reach our timeline for zero waste, reduce the release of methane produced by decomposing food which contributes to climate crisis, and raise consciousness about consumerism and waste, climate, gardening.

It also has potential for education on many levels: solar power, living more locally to benefit all life on the planet, microbiology of soil, home composting and gardening.

The benefits to our community also include localizing the economy, creating green jobs, public education and civic pride for being a green leader in the nation.

Additionally, with the aid of this grant, the composting facility will improve the City's bottom line. It will save both the City and its residents money by reducing fuel costs and providing compost. The benefits of compost are substantial. The state of California is in a severe drought which has created a soil moisture level reminiscent of the Dust Bowl. By transforming our food waste into rich soil, Pasadena joins in the ranks of those taking proactive steps toward a sustainable future.

Transition Pasadena is a local resilience-building organization based on Permaculture Principles with focus on environment, energy and economy. As you know, our track record over four years includes receiving two Pasadena Green City Awards. For more info on us visit www.transitionpasadena.org.

Transition Pasadena thanks you for your attention and your support of this forward thinking project.

Sincerely,



Therese Brummel

Transition Pasadena, Steering Committee member

Reese, Latasha

From: Jomsky, Mark
Sent: Monday, September 22, 2014 12:14 PM
To: Foster, Siobhan; Gutierrez, Julie
Cc: Official Records - City Clerk
Subject: Fwd: Amendments to Chapter 8.6 and 8.61 addressing composting and solid waste hauling in the city

Hi Siobhan and Julie,

For your information.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

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Subject: Re: Amendments to Chapter 8.6 and 8.61 addressing composting and solid waste hauling in the city

To the Honorable City Council:

Per the matter regarding the upcoming City Council's decision to approve amendments to Chapter 8.6 and 8.61 addressing composting and solid waste hauling in the city, I strongly urge you to consider and accept Waste Less Living's proposed recommendations and language submitted to you on September 19, 2014. The recommendations and proposed language are listed below:

1) exclude **composting haulers AND other groups, businesses and entities working in the organics/composting field that are not haulers** from the 5-year exclusive notification to foster

NOT hinder businesses coming on-line to better manage organic material in the future.

2) add a separate exemption in Section 8.61 for persons, groups or businesses collecting organics for composting either at a state/permitted commercial composting facility or in an in-vessel composting system that meets state regulatory requirements with the provision that they provide waste diversion data to the City.

3) change "composting company" in Section 8.60 to "composting service provider" to mean any group, entity or business collecting organic material for composting and delivering compost.

4) expand "organics" definition to include: plant based products like compostable tableware, cotton, wool, napkins, paper towels, tissue paper.

Composting is the future and 'best practice' for handling our food waste and other organics. By adopting the proposed recommendations that Waste Less Living has offered will ensure that the City is at the forefront of true and long-term sustainability practices. [ADD ANY ADDITIONAL ENDORSEMENT OF WASTE LESS LIVING'S PRODUCTS AND SERVICES]

Thank you for your consideration and for your service to the City.

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Blessings,
Quoleshna Ze'nean Elbert (Q!)



September 25, 2014

Mayor Bill Bogaard
Pasadena City Council Members
100 N. Garfield Avenue
Pasadena, CA 91109

re: Adjustments to trash hauling franchises

Dear Mayor Bogaard and Pasadena City Council Members,

The Pasadena Chamber of Commerce supports competition in the marketplace. It is in the best interests of our members to have several qualified vendors to choose from when soliciting and contracting for a service or product. That includes trash hauling.

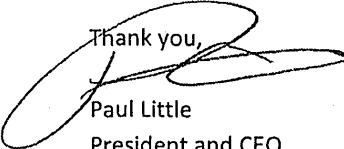
I understand the City Council will consider altering the franchise agreements and regulations for commercial waste haulers. Please do not significantly restrict the ability of our members to find quality waste hauling services at competitive prices by restricting the number of franchise holders. A monopoly or near monopoly on these services could have significantly adverse impacts on businesses that would result from potentially higher costs and a lack of competition among commercial waste haulers.

Further, the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce encourages innovation in technology, even with commercial waste hauling, especially as it relates to environmental stewardship. Reducing or restricting the opportunity for new and innovative companies to compete for business in Pasadena would serve as a disincentive for new companies with new technologies to compete in the Pasadena market. There would be little or no incentive, absent direction from the City of Pasadena, for a sole or significantly reduced number of waste haulers to seek innovative ways to deal with commercial waste.

Reducing the number of franchisees for commercial waste hauling could also have a significant effect on the political stability of Pasadena and our city's reputation. Repeatedly in recent years we have seen that cities utilizing a single waste hauler have been subject to allegations of political influence peddling, and even corruption. Look at what has happened in Lynwood, Bell Gardens, Carson and elsewhere. Pasadena can avoid any appearance of impropriety by maintaining a competitive marketplace and enough commercial waste haulers to foster competition in the marketplace.

As you consider future franchising opportunities, please keep in mind that healthy competition in the commercial marketplace is in the best interests of consumers, in this case your business community.

Thank you,



Paul Little
President and CEO

Cc: M. Beck, M. Jomsky, S. Foster