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Houston City Council Meeting

My name is Joseph Kilchrist. I represent the Nottingham Forest Homeowners Association, Inc. (NFH8), as a Trustee and Vice President of the Association and Chair of Waste Management. We have 304 homes in our Association.

Our HOA would like to review with you the following facts:

- The City of Houston and the NFH8 HOA currently enjoys a win-win situation with our current arrangement on garbage collection.
- Our homeowners pay taxes to the City of Houston, a portion of which provides for garbage collection services, which we do not utilize.
- Because we do not utilize the City's garbage collection services, a small portion of the tax money we pay for that service is refunded to us.
- Our current cost of private service for both garbage and recycling collection is **16% below rate quoted by the city of \$18.05 / month.**
- Our HOA presently receives an annual refund of **\$21,888** to defray the expenses of our private garbage collection.
- Should the city elect to eliminate the private waste management sponsorship program then we will elect to use city services, which will result in a much higher cost to both our homeowners and the City of Houston in the order of magnitude of **\$47,000.**
- Just to make it perfectly clear, we pay the City \$65,846 per year for garbage service. The City refunds \$21,888 since we do not utilize the garbage service. The City keeps \$47,000 per year free and clear. If we lose the refund, the cost to the City will increase from \$21,888 to \$65,846 per year. So, how is this a cost saving measure for the City?
- This budget proposal would create a lose-lose situation for both the city and our HOA. We are confident this would apply to all other HOA's in the City as well.
- The numbers simply do not favor the City making any savings, but actually increasing its budget burden when consideration is given to:
  1. Does the city have the capacity and equipment to serve our HOA and all the others that will revert to city service, as we will do?
  2. How does the proposed budget item provide any savings at all? The numbers simply do not add up. Has the city prepared an economic study?
  3. Will this service have to be sub-contracted to private vendors at an even higher cost to the city and our HOA? Where are the savings there?

We oppose this budget proposal for the economic reasons stated and consider it an extra and unnecessary burden on all the tax paying citizens of the City and urge you to vote against this proposal.