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To: [Mary Gourley](#); [City Council](#)
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I am writing to support the Sebastopol City Council voting to develop a new contract with Recology so that Recology can continue as our waste hauler.

I am a resident of Burbank Heights and Orchards. Recology has been very supportive of the needs of our low-income senior community. Ambrosia Thomson has visited our community on many occasions, and she answers questions from residents very often. She has enthusiastically supported our Zero Waste Program at Burbank Heights and Orchards. She has provided our residents with compost buckets and bags for recyclable items. These bags help to deter the practice of putting plastic bags into the recycling containers. Her efforts have significantly reduced the amount of waste going to the landfill from Burbank Heights and Orchards.

Burbank Heights and Orchards has received good service from Recology. Damaged containers are replaced promptly. It is very uncommon for pick-ups to be delayed. The drivers are courteous and friendly. They are mindful of the safety concerns of driving through our senior community.

During the time Recology has been the waste hauler for Sebastopol, the ratio of pounds of total trash to the pounds taken to compost or recycling has dramatically improved. Through the efforts of Recology and the citizens of Sebastopol, a remarkable amount of energy has been saved and emissions prevented.

Here in Sonoma County, Recology recently opened one of the most high-tech mass recycling facilities (MRFs) in the nation. Because of this facility, all of the recyclables collected here in Sebastopol will be processed here in Sonoma County. The new MRF will greatly reduce the volume of waste materials sent to the landfill.

I enthusiastically support the Sebastopol City Council's voting to develop a new contract with Recology so that Recology can continue to serve Sebastopol.

Yours truly,

Judy Morgan