From: City Council

Subject: Don"t keep Recology!

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Dear Council Members,

I am again writing to the council to encourage you not to cave to the few loud voices in our community for something to affect everyone. Recology has a monopoly on garbage in Sonoma County, with the exception of Windsor and Sonoma. I am sure when those contracts go out to bid they will go after them as well.

While they may support local events by sponsoring events and giving free service to events like the Chamber of Commerce mentioned in the last meeting, the good of the company ends there. They are slow to respond, knock over carts, miss services, and drive old, outdated trucks, but most of all, Recology Sonoma Marin seems to be run by a bunch of immature individuals. I watched in awe as Ms. Hinton addressed Recology's General Manager, calling him out on their little PR stunt. They instilled a sense of chaos and panic, and our city should not want to do business with them.

I have spoken to a lot of business owners about this upcoming change. Some of them received notices from Recology telling them what their new rates were going to be. The business owners I spoke with realized that this was a scare tactic from Recology because Recology didn't even have their service levels right and told them they were going to be paying significantly more than they actually would be.

Furthermore, please do not forget the trouble they have gotten into in San Francisco, and the notices of violations they have received. I personally have not had experience with SCRR, but they are a local company, not a large multi-million dollar company. They are very involved in the Windsor community, and I have spoken to friends who live there, they said they sponsor a lot of events and thought SCRR would probably do the same in Sebastopol.

Please do not rescind the vote.

Thank you for listening.

Michelle