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I'll be at the meeting tonight and am strongly in favor of completing this contract:

- Recology inherited the CoS contract when they bought out Ratto Group in 2017
 - Recology made clear during initial contract renewal public (and presumably private discussions) they were losing money on the contract and would have to (quote) 'claw back' their losses in any new contract
 - After Recology refused to budge on their 57% price increase for renewing their services, the council voted for an RFP to explore alternative service providers, prioritizing better rates
 - Anyone paying attention knew rates were going up (like everything else in this economy), the only question was by how much
 - The city 'climate action committee' were represented by CM Maurer on the ad hoc committee
 - SCRR were selected based on better rates. I believe Recology/Teamsters have obfuscated this sequence of events, confusing and enraged city businesses.
- * City communications were inadequate as I have previously pointed out, which helped Recology/Teamsters

I say get the contract signed and let SCRR get on with relationship building without Recology in the picture. Delaying will only result in more confusion, misinformation and possibly lawsuits.

Thanks for all the hard work on this, I have to say that I'm very unimpressed by how ill informed and angry so many people are here, too lazy to pay attention until the last minute followed by hysteria. Maddening.

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