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To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Proposed change in Sebastopol's solid waste hauling provider
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Hello and a good new year, members of the Sebastopol City Council,

I am a Sebastopol resident who found out today that you are considering replacing Recology Sonoma-Marin with Sonoma County Resource Recovery...and that the matter will come up in tomorrow night's meeting.

I was presented with some numbers that suggest this is not a good idea. Specifically, the charges from SCRR for garbage hauling are lower, but the charges for hauling compost and recyclables are significantly higher. What I see here is a disincentive for the much-more-sustainable program for the latter two items. This is not good for the environment in at least the long run, and perhaps the short run as well. Adding to that (and maybe with some connection), I understand SCRR has no recycling facility in Sonoma County, so the energy required to get recyclables down to Marin County created extra expense.

I have also heard that SCRR operates as a non-union company, and I would like to avoid any connection with a company who operates like that.

Finally, I'm happy with my service with Recology, and I would prefer you not fix what's not broken.

For these reasons, I urge the City Council not to switch solid waste haulers, but rather to renew with Recology Sonoma Marin.

All the best,
Ron Zucker

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