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Subject: Recology Sonoma Marin
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Dear City Council Members,

I am writing on behalf of Honeymoon Frozen Yogurt. My husband and I have owned/operated Honeymoon for 2.5 years.

Choosing SCRR, or any company, over Recology is not in the best interest of Sebastopol businesses or residents and will negatively impact all of us.

The proposed increase under SCRR is staggering and unjustifiable under any circumstance. The fact that they cannot process recyclables or compost material should be enough to stop this from moving forward as they will have to transport this waste to other facilities thus increasing greenhouse waste. This completely contradicts Sebastopol's sustainability values. Recology is an employee owned business with a state-of-the-art facility capable of processing 85% of the waste they receive. SCRR simply isn't capable of doing the job affordably or sustainably.

Everyone in Sebastopol has been adversely affected by increased PGE rates and water rate hikes, and we as a small business are now struggling to stay afloat. Honeymoon will not likely survive more than a couple more years due to these staggering operational cost increases.

SCRR doesn't have a proven track record nor the ability to process recyclables or compost materials. Recology does. It seems to us the choice is very clear. "If it ain't broke. Don't fix it".

We urge you to prioritize this wonderful community of businesses and residents, and maintain the partnership with Recology Sonoma Marin.

Sincerely,

Robin & Devin Russell
Owners
Honeymoon Frozen Yogurt