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To the members of the Sebastopol City Council:

I am writing to add my voice to the voices of many other Sebastopudlians regarding the proposed change from Recology to SCRR for our waste management services. I'm not using the form letter that has been circulating because I'm sure you've already read that numerous times.

It appears that, while SCRR's garbage rates will be lower, their rates for recycling and compost bins will be higher. This would serve to incentivize people to use the garbage over recycling and composting, which is the opposite of what our environmentally-conscious community would like to see. In addition, it's my understanding that SCRR would truck recycling to an out-of-county facility, further undermining our sustainability goals.

Also, it's difficult to determine exactly what the impact on our bills would be. I live in Sequoia Village, a 20-unit townhome community. We use one trash dumpster, one recycling dumpster, and between 4 and 6 green bins each week, and our Recology bill is currently \$602.89 per month. In reading through the information online, I haven't been able to find out what we, as a multi-unit customer, would be paying if we change to SCRR. I suspect that any savings on the garbage would be more than offset by increases in recycling and green bins.

I oppose changing from Recology to SCRR for environmental reasons, especially if the Council can't let us know exactly how our bills will be affected. Between water, sewer, gas and electric, and insurance, our bills have gone up considerably. Please don't increase our waste management bills as well.

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