

From: [REDACTED]
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Solid Waste Collection Agreement
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Dear Mayor Zollman and Sebastopol City Council Members,

We are perennial volunteers for Farm Trails, providing a Zero Waste program that diverts all the discards produced by the annual Gravenstein Apple Fair held at Ragle Park.

For the past seven years that we have been involved, we have appreciated the outstanding support from Recology for the fair's zero waste goals. In addition to a sponsorship, Recology has supported the fair with in-kind donations of bins and hauling services. Recology Waste Zero Specialists, Ambrosia Thomson, Marie Kneemeyer, and Celia Furber have provided support in preparation for the fair as well as on-site assistance and information during the fair. This has been instrumental in helping to educate vendors and the public about how to achieve zero waste.

During the past fair, attended by about 14,000 people, diversion resulted in a net of about one pick-up truck of true garbage. We could not have accomplished this without our local hauler's support, and we want to recognize and thank Recology for its commitment to the community.

We encourage the city council to take a more detailed look at these solid waste proposals and to assess that both environmental and economic impacts are adequately analyzed. The city has laudable climate and zero waste goals and this decision is a critical element. Recology has proven that they are a strong partner for the city.

Sincerely,
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Shelley Brown