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**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent request to not move from Recology  
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Dear Mayor Zollman, Vice Mayor McLewis, and Councilmembers Carter, Hinton, and Maurer,

I have been made away of the proposal to move away from Recology as Sebastopol's waste hauler service. As new residents of Sebastopol in my wife and my first purchased home, I was thrilled to find out that Recology would be our service provider. Not only are they affordable, but their work towards a greener city and lower emissions is extremely important to us. This would be lost with Sonoma County Resource Recovery. While the individual cost to haul trash would reduce slightly, the cost to recycle and compost would skyrocket. While this is less of a direct problem for some well off residents, it poses a huge problem for businesses as they will likely be forced to move away from the greener option of offering compost and recycling and resort to an "all in the landfill" approach. Additionally, California's recycling programs are maxing out capacity, and SCRR would load Sebastopol's recycling into another county's volume.

If full, I think this move would be damaging to our community on many levels.

I love working with Recology and would be very sad if this change happened right after deciding to move to this wonderful city.

Please consider my and my fellow neighbors request.

Thank you.

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