January 5, 2025

Dear Mayor Zollman, Vice Mayor McLewis, and Coucilmembers Carter, Hinton, and Maurer,

I am very upset that the council is considering ending the city's contract with Recology.

Recology has been a community environmental and labor advocate, plus an amazing partner in efforts to reduce waste and greenhouse gas emissions. Recology staff has spent countless hours both paid and unpaid as community members, helping our community and local events move towards zero waste!

I have also found out the move is not good financially. When compost and recycling collection rates are added back in, (as they absolutely must be, given that commercial and residential customers are required to divert organics as per state law <u>SB 1383</u>), SCCR's service rates will actually be higher for most residential and commercial customers in Sebastopol.

Please retain a contract with Recology.

Dena Allen former CAC member