

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [City Council](#)  
**Subject:** Waste Collection  
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Dear Members of the City Council,

Happy New year. I hope this letter finds you all well.

As the owner of ScreaminMimi's, I am writing to express my concern regarding the consideration, to change the city's waste removal service provider. I understand you are considering switching from Recology to Sonoma County Resource Recovery (SCRR).

While I recognize that decisions of this nature are made with the best interests of the city in mind, I would like to respectfully voice my support of remaining with Recology. I have had the composting bin

(& waste removal) with Recology since before it was Recology (30 years this year). They are truly committed to environmentally responsible waste removal. Recology has consistently provided reliable, efficient, and environmentally-conscious service to our community. The workers are courteous, the schedule is dependable, and the company has been responsive to any questions or concerns I've raised. They also have recycling centers in Sonoma County and switching to SCRR will increase emissions because they need to drive the recycling out of the county. They are quick to respond and everyone I've spoken to at Recology knows or lives in Sebastopol and is personally familiar with the area. I always feel like they care about their work and want to do the best job.

And lastly, perhaps most importantly to the

bottom line, they are less expensive than SCRR. Small businesses will be dealing with the increased sales tax soon.

Personally chocolate prices are skyrocketing as are a lot of my other base costs. Please do not add to this by making my waste removal increase and also become a headache by having to establish new contacts when dealing with a new company. For these reasons, I am concerned about the potential challenges and service disruptions that may arise with switching to SCRR.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I look forward to attending Tuesday's meeting and hope that you will take my concerns into account as you move forward with your decision.

Sincerely,  
Maraline Olson

Sent from my iPhone