

**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Ballot Simplification Committee

FR: David Pilpel 

RE: Request for Reconsideration, Garbage Collection and Disposal Ordinance, June 2012 ballot

DA: 28 February 2012

I hereby request reconsideration of the committee's approved digest of the subject ballot measure. I understand that this request for reconsideration would be addressed at the committee's meeting Wednesday 29 February 2012 beginning at 9AM. I have attached both a tracked changes version showing proposed changes and a proposed final (i.e. revised) version. I believe that the proposed changes would improve the clarity of the digest language without advocating for or against the measure. Thank you very much for your careful consideration.

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**GARBAGE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL** *(working title only, subject to change)*

**The Way It Is Now:**

Any company that collects, disposes of, or transports garbage (trash, recyclables, or compostables without commercial value) in San Francisco must have a City-issued permit. Each permit authorizes garbage collection in a specific area of the City. A single company (Recology) currently holds all the permits. The City does not use a competitive process to select garbage service providers.

Rates for garbage collection are set as follows:

- For residential properties, the City's Rate Board sets the rates.
- For commercial properties, rates are set by agreement between the property owner and the garbage company ~~companies and commercial property owners negotiate rates through individual contracts.~~

Currently, there is no requirement that the City own the garbage processing and transfer facilities.

**The Proposal:**

Proposition \_\_\_\_ would require the City to replace its permit system with a competitive bidding process. Under that process, the City would competitively award five separate agreements for the following garbage services:

- residential collection ~~of trash, recycling and compostables;~~
- commercial collection ~~of trash, recycling and compostables;~~
- materials recovery and processing ~~of recyclables and compostables;~~
- transfer and transportation ~~of residual waste to disposal sites~~ outside the City; and
- disposal and / or conversion of residual waste.

The measure would require that the City eventually own the garbage all-processing and transfer facilities used under these agreements and that they be located in San Francisco.

Each agreement would be for a 10-year term and would be citywide. The measure would prohibit a any-single company from providing both materials recycling-recovery and processing services and residual waste garbage-disposal and / or conversion services.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the competitive bidding process ~~for garbage and recycling services~~ to ~~prioritize~~ ~~consider the following factors~~: zero-waste goals that maximize recycling, competitive rates, welfare of workers in the industry, ~~and~~ recovery of the City's costs for bidding and administering the program, ~~and providing funds for related City services~~. It would also require the process to give preference to bidders that use small businesses and hire City residents.

Proposition \_\_\_ would require the Board of Supervisors to ~~set approve~~ the ~~maximum~~ rates that residential and commercial customers could be charged for ~~garbage trash and recycling~~ services.

Proposition \_\_\_ would authorize the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments to this ordinance, without further voter approval, to advance the purposes and principles of the measure.

**A "YES" Vote Means:** If you vote "yes," you want to require the City to use a competitive bidding process for ~~garbage trash and recycling~~ services, require that processing and transfer facilities be owned by the City and located in San Francisco, require the Board of Supervisors to ~~set approve maximum~~ rates for ~~garbage~~ services, and allow the Board of Supervisors to make future amendments that advance the purposes of this ordinance without further voter approval.

**A "NO" Vote Means:** If you vote "no," you do not want to make these changes.

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Suggested Words You Need to Know:

Commercial value

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Conversion

Disposal

Materials recovery and processing

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Refuse

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