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TO: Mayor & City Council

FROM: City Councilman Carlton Soules, District 10

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SUBJECT: Review of the 10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan and Removal of the Organic Recycling Program from the FY13 Budget

DATE: August 15, 2012

Issue Proposed for Consideration

I ask for your support for the following to be forwarded to the **Infrastructure and Growth Committee** for review, discussion and potential recommendation for modification:

I respectfully ask for your concurrence in requesting a comprehensive review of the Solid Waste Management Departments 10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan and of the recycling targets driving the plan. Additionally, removal of the proposed expansion of the Organic Recycling Program for the FY 13 Budget.

Brief Background

On June 24, 2010 the San Antonio City Council adopted the *10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan*. It was established as a guide to create an accessible and convenient recycling program for single & multi-family residents; improve recycling opportunities for businesses & schools; and to increase the city's recycling rate. The plan has been used to determine the Solid Waste Department's budget and program priorities along with providing direction to implement the department's core functions. Given the role the plan plays in the department's operation it is critical for City Council to periodically review the plan in order to determine progress accomplished and if needed, reassess the goals and objectives of the plan.

The SWMD has aggressively implemented new programs as part of the implementation of the 10 year plan. This review shall provide City Council with updated information on the progress of the Brown & Blue Carts, the Brush & Bulky Pickups, the Drop-Off Centers, and their impact on the city's overall waste stream. This review will also consider cost implications, alternative ways to meet goals, and best practices since the Plan was adopted. Additionally, this review is consistent with the implementation and monitoring portion of the 10 Year Plan which recognizes that updates are essential and identifies that the plan will be updated every three years.

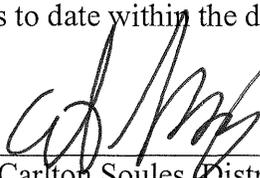
For this review to have credibility the decision to expand the Organic Recycling Pilot Program needs to be reviewed separately from the City's budget. Especially when the FY 2013 Proposed Budget requires no customer fee increase in the Solid Waste Department's Budget in

order to roll out phase one of the program. Staff has identified that the decision to implement phase one will provide 32% of the city with an automated organic pick-up. An action requiring City Council to implement a rate increase next fiscal year, for the next four years, for a total increase of \$40 by 2017.

Aside from the rate increase, rolling out the first phase leaves only one objective left in the 10 Year Plan, implementation of Utility Based Pricing (PAYT). The 10 Year plan identifies the organic program as the last step before PAYT, which holds cost implications for rate payers. PAYT would convert the current cost-based model rate structure to a revenue positive model charging households a premium for their overall cost of generation, collection processing and disposal of waste.

The City Council has a responsibility to the citizens of the City of San Antonio to examine any City initiative that will have a financial impact as this one proposes. For that reason, the Infrastructure and Growth Committee has a responsibility to call a review of the 10 Year Recycling and Resource Recovery Plan as a whole and study the Organic Recycling Pilot Program results prior to implementation. The Committee needs to verify the plans accomplishments, evaluate the direction of the Solid Waste Department and make recommendations reflecting the improvements to date within the department.

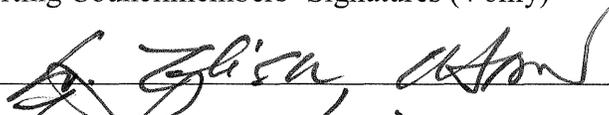
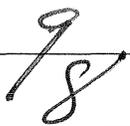
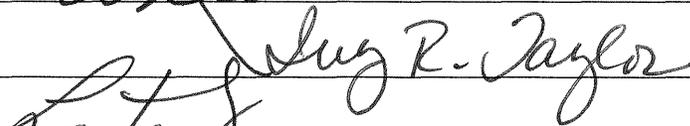
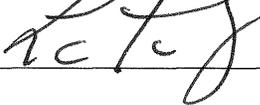
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