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To: Cheri Smith <csmith@keywestcity.com>, Rick Boettger <rd.boettger@gmail.com>

Dear Cheri,

Please have the following read into the record for public input tonight on the solid waste bid acceptance issue:

Dear Commissioners and Mayor,

I think you must vote to accept Advanced's bid. This keeps \$6.2 million in savings down here to circulate in our local economy, instead of as corporate salaries and profits going from our town up to the mainland—and it can be \$13 million if we can extend it the additional eight years. Why is the bid low? As Waste Management writes in their annual corporate report, their stock price is weak because they are losing profits to competitors outbidding them, as Advanced has done here.

I as a residential customer don't mind if I, through my taxes, pay a few bucks a month more, if it means we can finally get our commercial users to get on board with recycling. For ten years we've been wishing and hoping, and now we see how it can be done. Let's really try to reach the goals we have set, and go over 50% recycling. We finally have the chance to walk the talk. It would be fiscally irresponsible not to accept this excellent bid.

Sincerely, Rick Boettger
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