

February 14, 2018

To the members of the Zero Waste Advisory Commission for the City of Austin:

We support a transparent procurement process for solid waste municipal contracts. Competitively bid waste collection, transportation, and disposal contracts are the most effective procedure for the City of Austin to elicit and accept a fair bid. This process results in competitive pricing and innovative solutions for the City.

The City of Austin should vigorously encourage competition among companies offering waste and disposal services to obtain the most economically viable solution for its residents. In keeping a competitive process active amongst Texas Commission on Environment Quality (TCEQ) permitted landfills the City insulates itself from being strong armed or leveraged by one particular vendor.

The TCEQ has stringent requirements for landfill operations and it would be inadvisable to ignore the expertise and guidance of the TCEQ and fail to consider all TCEQ permitted landfills within Central Texas.

City officials have an obligation to guarantee residents that all City procurements have a transparent, fair and level playing field for all competitors. We appreciate your consideration of our comments for the Draft Landfill Criteria.

Modesto Dominguez/General Manager



Steve Jacobs/Director of Disposal Operations



Chris Thomas/Division Vice President



Kerry R. Getter/ CEO



Phil Gosh/ CEO



Alfonso Sifuentes/Senior PM

