

CITY OF AUSTIN

SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Waste Management, Inc. (WMI) Contract Extension Resolution

January 13, 2010

Whereas, it is the responsibility of local government to promote the greater good by ensuring that the benefits generated by the issuance of public contracts include;

- enhancement of local policies,
- strengthening of the local economy, and
- support for other vital interests of the citizens of that governmental entity, and

Whereas, the receipt of public contracts has been considered over time to be a right to be earned, not an obligation of the public sector to provide to the private sector, and

Whereas, rewarding entities considered “bad actors” runs contrary to the above concepts,

Be it hereby resolved, that due to WMI’s;

- inability and/or refusal to comply with state regulations regarding operation of Type 1 landfills in the State of Texas resulting in the largest fine ever levied by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, and
- inability and/or refusal to operate their landfill in a safe and healthy manner in accord with the wishes of the citizens of Austin and Travis County as repeatedly expressed publically and through their elected officials which led to the City of Austin, Travis County, and the Capital Area Council of Governments opposing the expansion of the WMI landfill which came before the TCEQ on Oct. 7, 2009, and
- pursuance of their own interests at the expense of the public good and in opposition to public policy, thus defining themselves as an undesirable private entity,

the Solid Waste Advisory Commission recommends that the Austin City Council enter into no further contracts, contract extensions, or any other forms of contractual obligation with WMI.