



## City Council

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Hello Council Members,

I'm contacting you to express my full support for the **Bag-Tax-funded Waste-Reduction Programs, Item 7.A.** on tonight's meeting Agenda. I won't be able to attend tonight's meeting, so that's why I'm commenting via email.

I'm a former member of this City's Sustainability Advisory Board (from 2003 through 2021). During my time on LSAB, we worked to help establish our current Residential waste-collection program, we worked to help implement the ongoing County-wide Green-Business recognition program, and we advocated for funded staff to work on sustainability and resource-conservation issues within our City.

I concur with the recommendation from our local Chamber of Commerce, that the City offer all five proposed waste-reduction program options, since as noted in the Chamber's comments, with a wide variety of programs, each program option will appeal to different types of businesses. Over time, some of the proposed options will be less utilized than others, and the funding priorities can then be modified as needed.

I also fully support the addition of a funded Sustainability Associate position. We've definitely reached the point where continued success in achieving our local sustainability and resource-conservation goals depends on continuing work efforts by compensated staff and contractors. Continued successes will not be achieved by depending on occasional and 'free' work by just volunteers.

I want to commend the City staff members who prepared this comprehensive and detailed proposal. As noted at the end of their proposal in their notes on the Fiscal Impact, "*Waste reduction program budget is balanced through Calendar Year 2026 with no anticipated impacts to the City's General Fund.*"

And so, like the City staff members, I also urge you to approve this use of bag tax revenue to fund these proposed waste-reduction programs, and additional sustainability staffing to administer these programs.

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