



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Carrasco

**SUBJECT: RESIDENTIAL RECYCLING
AND GARBGATE RATES**

DATE: 2/23/2021

Approved:

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Date: 2/23/2021

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept the recommendation outlined in the February 19, 2021 memo by Mayor Liccardo, Vice Mayor Jones, Councilmember Mahan, and Councilmember Jimenez.

BACKGROUND

We are one year into the COVID-19 pandemic and families in San José face thousands of dollars in back rent and utility debt due to loss of income while living in the most expensive real-estate market in the nation. We owe it to our communities who have been impacted the most to not just take whatever route is easiest to implement but to pursue the option that protects the most vulnerable whenever our city and county begin to lift protections that were enacted in response to the pandemic.

We brace for the inevitable. As protections begin to lift, thousands of families in California facing crippling utility debt from the past year at the forefront of our decisions. An increase of 21% for a family who is barely keeping their head above water is too much to absorb. The pandemic produced the highest unemployment rate Silicon Valley has ever seen. And although we're regaining many of those jobs back, those who already had little to lose continue to face financial hardship.