

California Legislature

January 15, 2018

Mayor Sam Liccardo
San Jose City Hall
200 E Santa Clara Street
San Jose, CA 95113

RE: California Waste Solutions

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,

We are writing to encourage the City of San Jose to take into consideration California Waste Solutions (CWS) work to improve recycled material capture rates and strong compensation it provides its employees when it decides whether to renew its contract for recycling services in Service Districts A and C.

It has been brought to our attention that the City of San Jose's Environmental Services Department (ESD) has made a recommendation to end negotiations with CWS and issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for single-family recyclables collection and processing in Service Districts A and C.

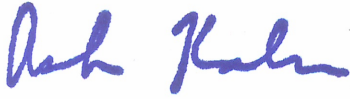
CWS is an American success story. Founded by Vietnamese refugees displaced by the Vietnam War and the fall of the Republic of Vietnam and beginning with nothing, this family owned business began has a small recycling collection business over two decades ago and has grown into a successful company. From their humble beginnings, they have worked to focus their business on public service and giving back to the community.

It has long served the City of San Jose and greater bay area and has been active and supportive in the greater San Jose community through their efforts at increasing the rate of recycled materials in San Jose's most difficult service districts and the fair union wages that support working families.

Considering the earnest and long-standing partnership the City has had with CWS and service it has provided to our community, we encourage the Council to take into account CWS' history and partnership with the city and its work to overcome the challenges it has faced in providing recycling services.

We appreciate your time and consideration of our letter.

Sincerely,



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Assemblymember, 27th District



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Senator, 6th District



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