

Neely, Susan

From: Huddleston, Michael
Sent: Tuesday, June 05, 2007 10:26 AM
To: Neely, Susan
Cc: Nogle, William
Subject: FW: SCA Position on Solid Waste Rate Increase

FYI -- city letters and email in support of the proposed solid waste rate increase, per our earlier conversation.

From: Karen Goroski [mailto:kgoroski@suburbancities.org]
Sent: Mon 4/23/2007 2:00 PM
To: Sims, Ron
Cc: Catabay, Nori; Kilroy, Sandra
Subject: SCA Position on Solid Waste Rate Increase

Ron,

The Executive Committee of the SCA Board of Directors met on Wednesday, April 18, 2007. It adopted the following recommendation from the SCA Public Issues Committee:

The proposed basic tip fee of \$95.00 per ton for 2008 through 2010 is driven by inflation, the debt service needed to fund capital projects and a desire for the financial stability of a three-year rate. The Solid Waste Division has not had a rate increase since 1999 and despite implementing operating efficiencies, costs and inflationary pressures have caught up and capital investment is necessary at this time. **SCA supports the proposed increase in the tip fee for Solid Waste from \$82.50 to \$95.00.**

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Karen

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KING COUNTY SWAC

Solid Waste Advisory Committee

April 20, 2007

The Honorable Larry Gossett
Chair, King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, WA 98104-3272

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

I am writing to convey to you our support of the Solid Waste Division's 2008 - 2010 rate proposal.

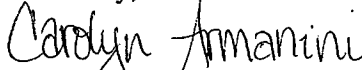
The King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee (SWAC) has been involved in the development of the Solid Waste Division's long range plans for more than two decades, with two current members having participated on SWAC for almost ten years and several others for more than five years.

SWAC has a keen appreciation of the regional solid waste system and its needs. We believe that both the current Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Plan and the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Export System Plan identify the importance of renovating the transfer system not only for the safe and efficient operation of the current system, but also to ready the system for alternative waste disposal upon closure of the Cedar Hills Landfill.

The proposed rate increase from \$82.50/ton to \$95/ton is necessary to allow King County to continue to implement the needed improvements to the transfer system, as well as to cover increases in operating costs (fuel, health insurance premiums, labor, etc) since the last rate adjustment in 1999.

SWAC encourages the Metropolitan King County Council to approve the proposed rates.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Armanini
Chair

cc: The Honorable Ron Sims, King County Executive
Jean Garber, Chair, Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee
Theresa Jennings, Division Director, King County Solid Waste Division

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MSWMAC

Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee

May 11, 2007

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Hon. Larry Gossett, Chair
King County Council
King County Courthouse, Room 1200
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, WA 98104

RE: Solid Waste Division Rate Proposal

Dear Councilmember Gossett:

We are writing in support of the Solid Waste Division's 2008 - 2010 rate proposal.

The Metropolitan Solid Waste Management Advisory Committee (MSWMAC) has been meeting monthly since January 2005 to work with the division on long term plans for the King County Solid Waste Management System. With the development of the Solid Waste Transfer and Waste Export System Plan, MSWMAC acquired a thorough understanding of our regional system and its needs.

We believe the proposed rate adjustment from \$82.50/ton to \$95/ton will enable the division to begin the much needed improvements to the regional transfer system. These improvements are critical not only to the safe and efficient operation of the transfer stations but also to the need to prepare the system for the eventual closure of the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill. MSWMAC understands that the impact of the rate increase on the average one can customer will be approximately \$0.73/month.

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We encourage the King County Council to approve the proposed rates as soon as possible to provide cities with sufficient time to begin notifying their ratepayers of the new rates.

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Sincerely,



Jean Garber
Chair

Cc: Hon. Ron Sims, King County Executive
Carolyn Armanini, Chair, King County Solid Waste Advisory Committee
Theresa Jennings, Director, King County Solid Waste Division