

TO: MAYOR, COUNCIL, AND CITY MANAGER  
VIA: GLENN MORRISON, CITY MANAGER  
FROM: JONATHAN OKRAY, COUNCIL MEMBER AT-LARGE  
SUBJECT: MAY 2015 MUNICIPAL ELECTION, BALLOT ITEM DISCUSSION  
DATE: 2//2015

Honorable Mayor and Council:

1. I remain steadfast in the opinion that a fundamental question, regarding the Solid Waste Master Plan and Rate Study, should be asked and the answer obtained during the function of the city's May 2015 Municipal Election. I believe we should ask the registered voters of our city, "Should the city add curbside collection of recyclables to the entire city?"

2. I am generally supportive The Plan intent. However, I viscerally loathe the implication or inference of a mandatory recycling program, as set forth in Section 1.4 of The Plan, Recommendation #3.

3. The basis of my insistence that 'the question' be asked by ballot emanates from the individual liberty of our nation, the revolutionary spirit of its founders who were influenced and inspired by John Locke. As we recall, John Locke is one of the most influential thinkers in the tradition of Western liberalism. His ideas, recorded in his Second Treatise of Government, influenced Thomas Jefferson greatly.

3. In his Second Treatise, the portion of the treatise that deals with The Beginnings of Political Societies, he said what follows:

" The only way whereby any one divests himself of his natural liberty, and puts on the bonds of civil society, is by agreeing with other men to join and unite into a community for their comfortable, safe, and peaceable living one amongst another, in a secure enjoyment of their properties, and a greater security against any, that are not

of it... When any number of men have so consented to make one body politic, wherein the majority have a right to act and conclude the rest. For when any of men number of men have, by the consent of every individual, made a community one body, with a power to act as one body, by the will and determination of the majority, being only the consent of the individuals in it. And it being necessary to move one way, the body should move the way the greater forces carry it, which is the consent of the majority... they have thereby made that community one body, with the power to act as one body...and it being necessary to that which is one body to move one way...that way whither the greater force carries it, which is the consent of the majority.”

4. Honorable Mayor and fellow council, I ask that we discuss and consent to consider during our next workshop (in concert with the applicable deadline for the final ballot of our May 2015 Municipal Election), to be placed on the ballot a question for the registered voters of our city, the question, “ consider to consent to add to our next council meeting, a that asks the question:

“Should the city consider adding curbside collection of recyclables to the entire City and further evaluate the development of a materials recovery facility (MRF) to be jointly developed and operated by the City with additional participation by other local governments?”

Respectfully submitted,

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