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# Civil Grand Jury Implementation

A Recycling Reality Check: What Actually Happens to Things We Put in Our Blue Recycling Bins?



# Zero Waste City



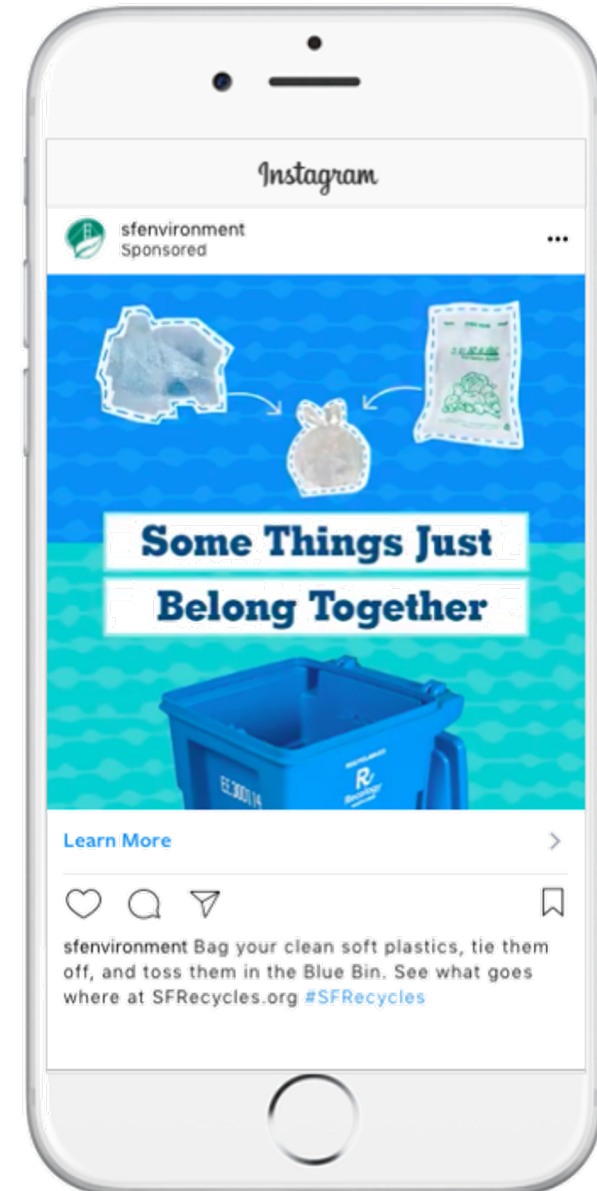
# Education and Community Engagement



# Recommendations



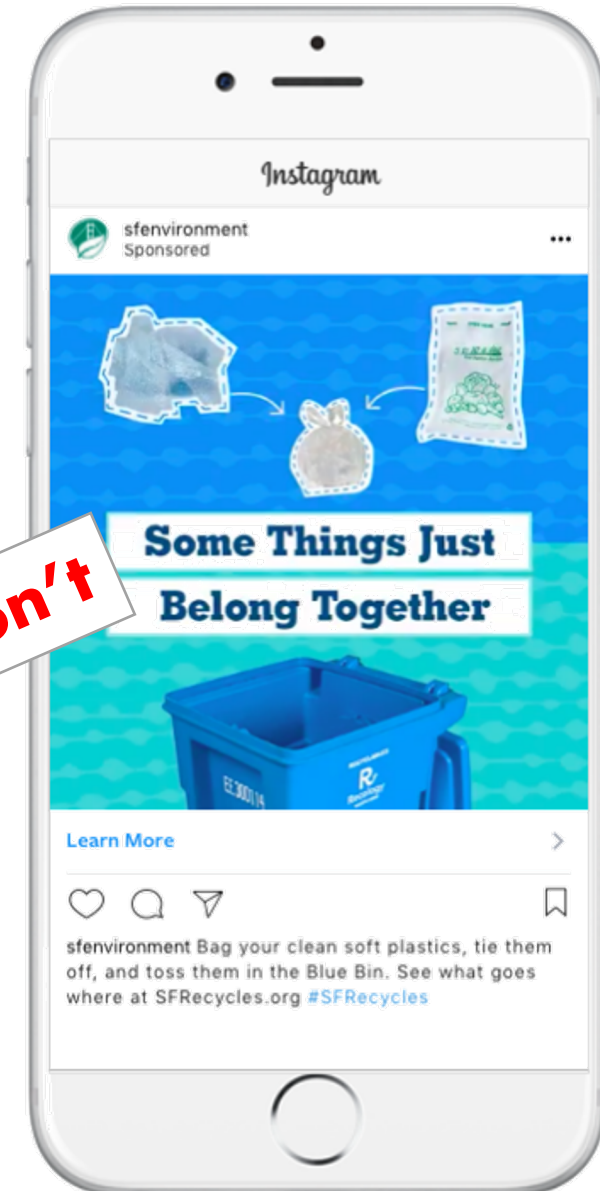
**(R1,R2) Share where blue bin materials go after processing on website and mobile app to enhance public understanding of the recycling program**



# Recommendations



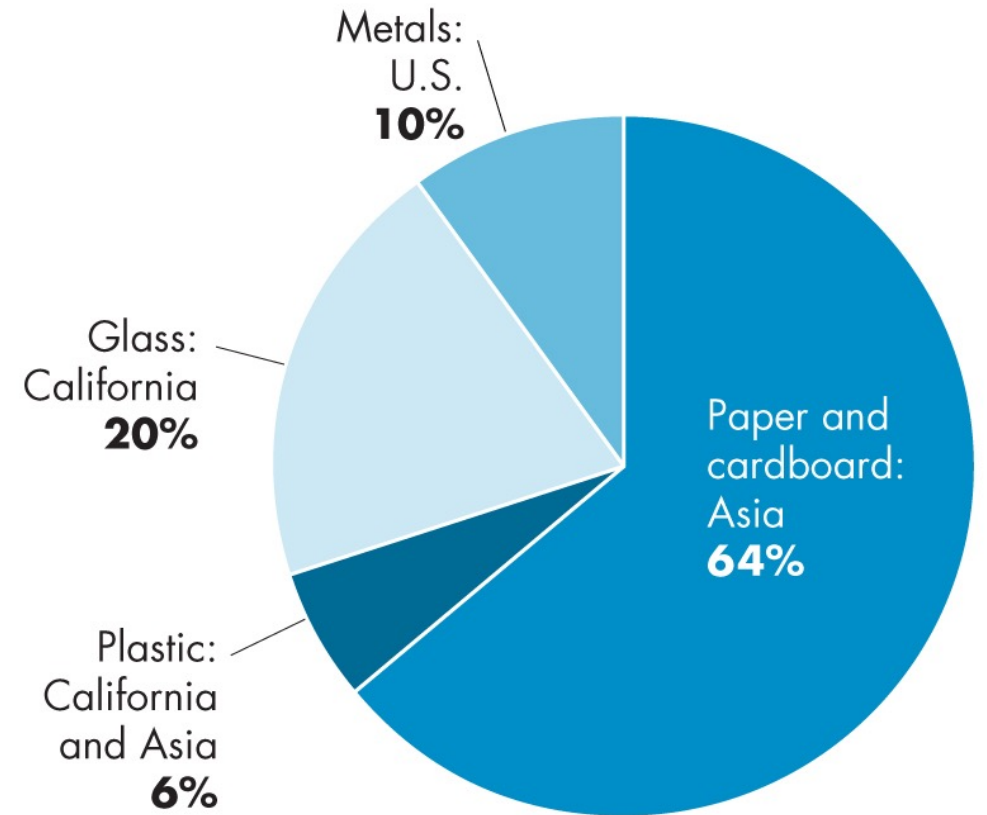
**(R3) Enhance public education on what doesn't belong in the blue bin to decrease contamination and improve material quality**



# R1 Implementation – Where Recyclables Go



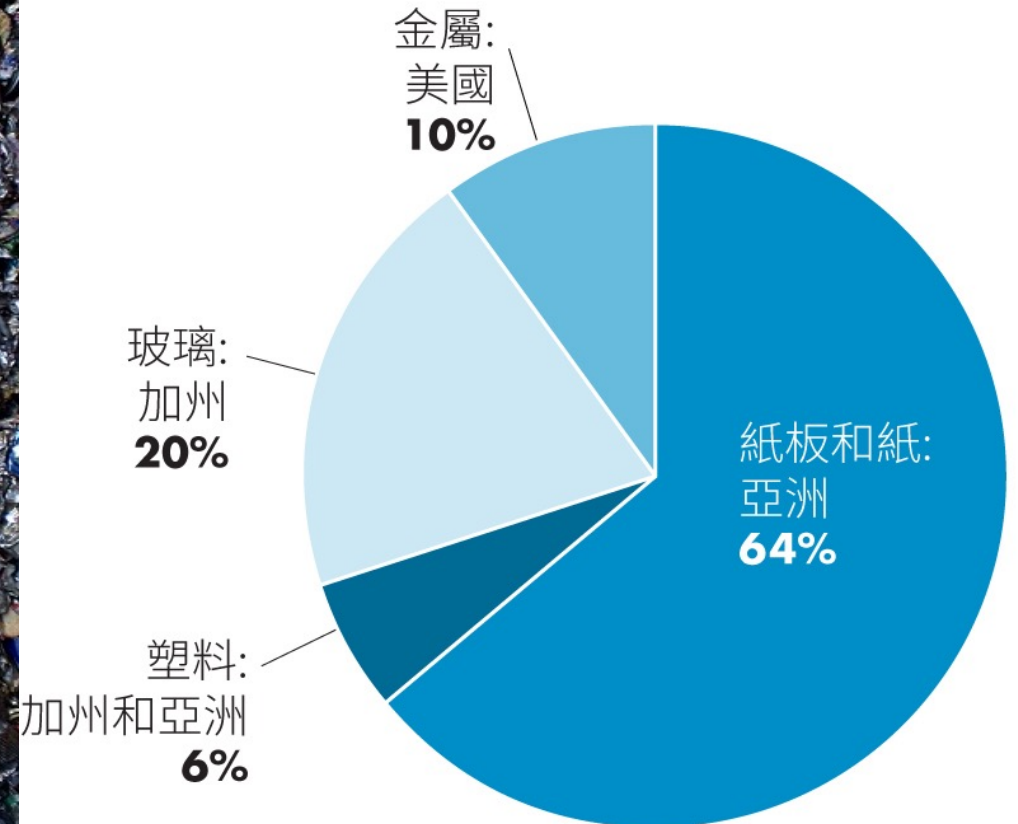
San Francisco recyclables commodities:  
May – November 2021



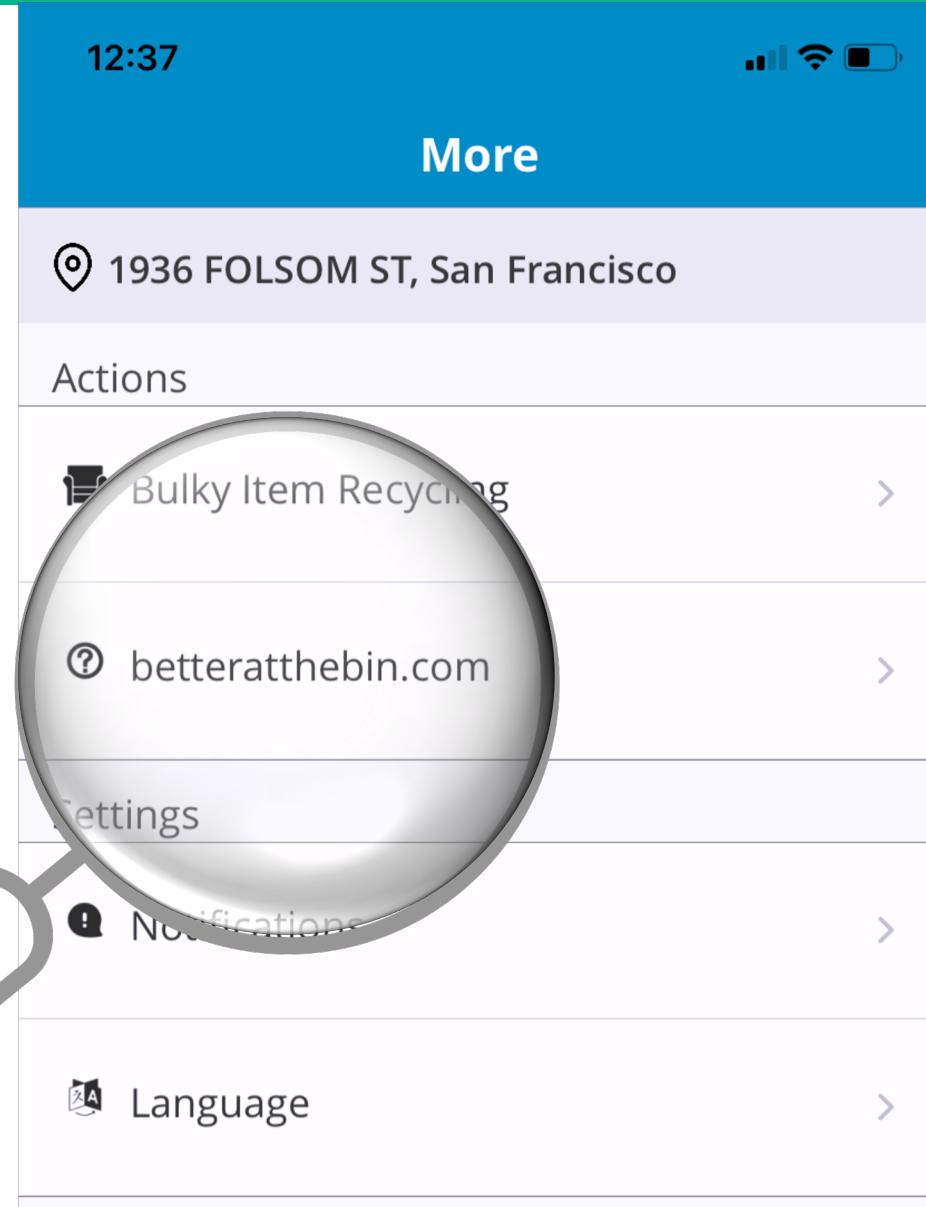
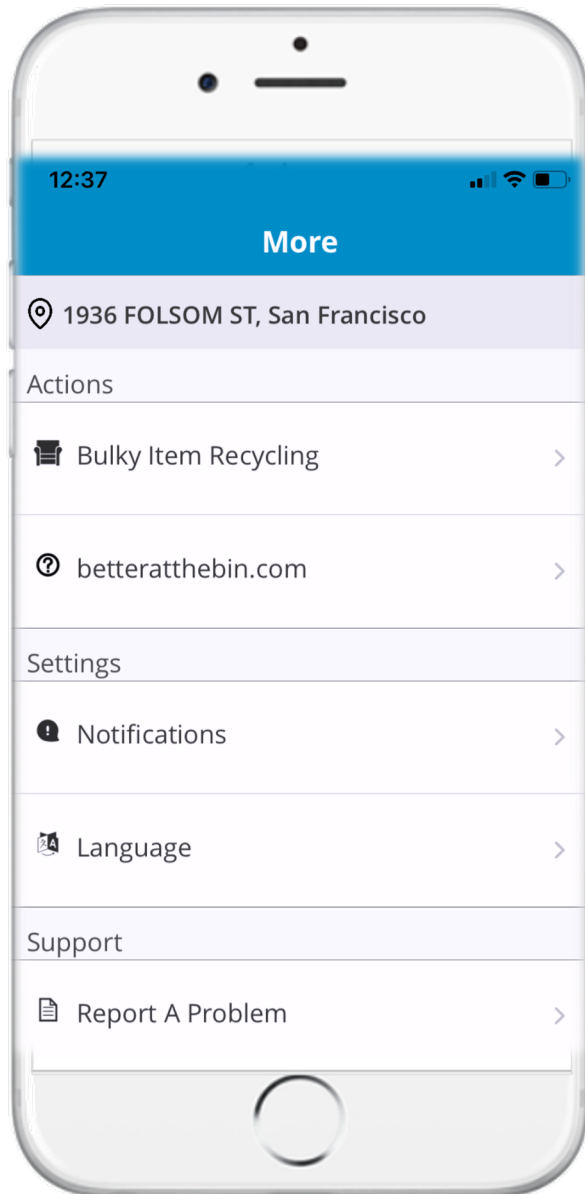
# R1 Implementation - Where Recyclables Go



三藩市可回收物品：  
2021年5月至11月



# R2 Implementation – Recology's App





# R3 Implementation – What Doesn't Belong



## What belongs in the blue bin, and what doesn't?

### ACCEPTED MATERIALS

Recyclable materials should be loose and remain **empty, clean and dry** when placed in the bin to avoid contaminating other materials.

For a complete list of accepted materials, printable guides and signage, and access to our [WhatBin](#) search tool, [click here](#).



### COMMONLY MISPLACED MATERIALS

Materials that do not belong in the blue bin are known as **contaminants**. These materials often cause operational issues at the recycling facility and impact the marketability of correctly placed recyclable materials.

Make sure to keep these commonly misplaced items out of the blue bin:



# Websites and App



## Department of the Environment

- ❖ [SFRecycles.org/WhereRecyclablesGo](https://www.sfrcycles.org/WhereRecyclablesGo)
- Recology
  - ❖ [Recology.com/Better-at-the-bin/](https://www.recology.com/Better-at-the-bin/)
- Recology App
  - ❖ Apple users, visit the App Store
  - ❖ Android users, visit Google Play

# Thank You!



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