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## MEMORANDUM

### BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

### SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

TO: Supervisor Malia Cohen, Chair  
Budget and Finance Committee

FROM: Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk

DATE: December 3, 2018

SUBJECT: **COMMITTEE REPORT, BOARD MEETING**  
Tuesday, December 4, 2018

The following file should be presented as a **COMMITTEE REPORT** at the Board meeting on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. This item was acted upon at the Committee Meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., by the votes indicated.

**Item No. 15                      File No. 180646**

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every three years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements; to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators found noncompliant; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

**AMENDED, AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE, BEARING SAME TITLE**

**RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT**

Vote: Supervisor Malia Cohen - Aye  
Supervisor Sandra Lee Fewer - Aye  
Supervisor Catherine Stefani - Aye

c: Board of Supervisors  
Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
Jon Givner, Deputy City Attorney  
Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director

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1 [Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance]

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3 **Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every ~~30 months~~three**  
4 **years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements;**  
5 **to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators found**  
6 **noncompliant; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the**  
7 **California Environmental Quality Act.**

8 NOTE: **Unchanged Code text and uncodified text** are in plain Arial font.  
9 **Additions to Codes** are in *single-underline italics Times New Roman font*.  
10 **Deletions to Codes** are in *strikethrough italics Times New Roman font*.  
11 **Board amendment additions** are in double-underlined Arial font.  
12 **Board amendment deletions** are in ~~strikethrough Arial font~~.  
13 **Asterisks (\* \* \* \*)** indicate the omission of unchanged Code  
14 subsections or parts of tables.

15 Be it ordained by the People of the City and County of San Francisco:

16 Section 1. Environmental Findings.

17 The Planning Department has determined that the actions contemplated in this  
18 ordinance comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (California Public Resources  
19 Code Sections 21000 et seq.). Said determination is on file with the Clerk of the Board of  
20 Supervisors in File No. 180646 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Board affirms  
21 this determination.

22 Section 2. Findings.

23 (a) The San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted the Mandatory Recycling and  
24 Composting Ordinance #100-09 that became operative as Chapter 19 of the Environment  
25 Code in October 2009. Section 1903 requires that all persons source separate their refuse

1 into recyclables, compostables and trash, and refrain from mixing those material refuse  
2 streams in collection containers designated for another type of refuse. Section 1904 provides  
3 requirements for owners and managers of multifamily or commercial properties to provide  
4 adequate refuse service and effective source separation, including working with on-site  
5 janitors, to achieve compliance with the source separation requirement.

6 (b) Chapter 19 has led to the provision of adequate refuse service at 99% of San  
7 Francisco properties. But the Department of Environment has nevertheless found that 60% of  
8 all disposed material from the City is recyclable or compostable. San Francisco must address  
9 this gap in ~~waste diversion~~material recovery if it is to achieve its adopted goal of zero waste.

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11 (c) While source separation must improve across all sectors and property types,  
12 buildings that generate large amounts of refuse—including multifamily, multi-tenant  
13 commercial, and mixed-use properties, and those with roll-off refuse compactors—contribute  
14 significantly to refuse contamination, subsequent loss in recovery of recyclables/  
15 compostables, and reduced ability to process and market these materials. When audited,  
16 large refuse generators are often found to have significant refuse cross-contamination of  
17 ~~recyclable and compostable materials in their trash designated for landfill~~in all three streams:  
18 recyclable, compostable, and trash designated for landfill. These large refuse generators face  
19 unique compliance challenges, and also present unique regulatory challenges, because  
20 contamination is difficult to identify in large-volume refuse containers and in refuse that has  
21 been compacted.

22 (d) At least 85 large commercial or multifamily refuse collection accounts in San  
23 Francisco are currently engaging the onsite services of persons or entities known as Zero  
24 Waste Facilitators to help sort and manage refuse for proper separation and placement in  
25 designated collection containers.

1 (e) Zero Waste Facilitators have helped these accounts improve compliance with  
2 Chapter 19, achieve refuse rate discounts, and contribute to improved waste diversion material  
3 recovery Citywide. A detailed analysis of the results from 9 accounts that employ Zero Waste  
4 Facilitators found that on average, these accounts reduced trash service by 66%, increased  
5 their recycling and composting by over 150%, increased diversion recovery by 30%, up to an  
6 average 75% diversion recovery rate, and procured refuse rate discounts resulting in a net  
7 cost savings of 25%.

8 (f) Compliance with San Francisco's source separation mandate requires a sustained  
9 commitment and, especially for large refuse generators, a robust source separation system.  
10 Many large refuse generators have achieved significant progress in developing and executing  
11 such systems through voluntary engagement of Zero Waste Facilitators.

12 (g) Heightened enforcement aimed at identifying compliance problems for large refuse  
13 generators, coupled with a mandate to dedicate resources to sustainable solutions to these  
14 problems, is critical to a zero-waste San Francisco.

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16 Section 3. The Environment Code is hereby amended by revising Section 1902, as  
17 follows:

18 (a) Each subsection letter accompanying each defined term in Section 1902 (i.e.,  
19 subsection letters (a)-(z)) is deleted.

20 (b) The following definitions of terms are added to Section 1902 and placed therein  
21 among the defined terms in correct alphabetical position:

22 "Audit" means a thorough and systematic visual inspection of the contents of refuse collection  
23 container(s) upon their removal from the container which may be conducted through analysis of  
24 representative sample(s) that results a finding of the approximate percentages of contaminants or  
25 materials not appropriate for that type of container (i.e., recyclables, compostables, or trash).

1           "Large Refuse Generator" means a commercial property refuse account holder, or a City-  
2 owned and operated facility in the City, that has roll-off compactor service or generates 3040 cubic  
3 yards or more of uncompacted refuse per week. Where a roll-off or other compactor is used, the  
4 volume of compacted refuse shall be multiplied times three to account for its compaction.

5           "Zero Waste Facilitator" means a person(s) or entity serving exclusively in the business of  
6 and with demonstrated capacity to manage refuse materials within a given property, including  
7 material sorting and transfer movement, and who meets criteria as may be specified in  
8 regulations promulgated by the Director, to achieve proper refuse source separation in compliance  
9 with this Chapter 19.

10           "100% Affordable Housing Project" means a building where 100% of the residential  
11 units (not including a manager's unit or ancillary commercial use) is subject to a recorded  
12 regulatory restriction to ensure affordability based on income, or where 100% of the  
13 residential units (not including a manager's unit or ancillary commercial use) are funded by a  
14 nonprofit charitable organization and provide permanent housing for Homeless or formerly  
15 Homeless persons.

16           "Non-Profit Food Provider" means a non-profit food hall, food bank, or food pantry,  
17 whose primary purpose is to store and/or provide food or meals for indigent persons at no  
18 cost or at a subsidized cost.

19           (c) The following definitions in Section 1902 are amended as follows:

20           "Public Trash Container" means any trash receptacle installed by a public agency at a public  
21 sidewalk, park or other public area and that is not under the control, unless otherwise required  
22 by this Chapter, of a multifamily private or commercial property, food vendor or event  
23 manager; or any trash receptacle placed or managed by a private entity, including a business  
24 improvement district or community benefit district authorized by the City, and located on a  
25 sidewalk, park or other public area, including areas designated as dedicated public access by

1 the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission, provided, however, that  
2 materials disposed by the general public in such receptacles are not co-mingled  
3 with refuse generated by any other generator.

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5 Section 3. The Environment Code is hereby amended by revising Sections 1906,  
6 1908, and 1909, and 1910 to read as follows:

7 **SEC. 1906. REQUIREMENTS FOR REFUSE COLLECTORS, TRANSFER**  
8 **STATIONS, AND PROCESSING FACILITIES.**

9 (a) All collectors must appropriately designate the collection containers they provide to  
10 customers for source separation of recyclables, compostables, and trash. The containers  
11 must:

12 (1) Bear appropriate signage that allows users to clearly and easily identify  
13 which containers to use for recyclables, compostables, or trash;

14 (2) Be color-coded:—blue for recyclables, green for compostables, and black  
15 for trash; and,

16 (3) Bear the name of the collector to whom the container belongs.

17 (b) (1) If a collector finds materials that are not the correct type as designated for  
18 that container, such as recyclables or compostables in a trash container, or trash in a  
19 compostables or recyclables container, the collector then must leave a tag on the container  
20 identifying the incorrect materials.

21 (2) If the collector continues to find incorrect materials in a collection container  
22 after the collector has left a previous tag for that customer and that type of container, the  
23 collector must leave another tag on the container identifying the incorrect materials and send  
24 a written notice to the person who subscribes for that collection service.  
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1 (3) If the collector continues to find incorrect materials in a collection container  
2 after the collector has already left two or more tags for that customer and that type of  
3 container, the collector may refuse to empty the container, subject to California Code of  
4 Regulations Title 14, Section 17331, or as determined by the Director of Public Health or his  
5 or her designee. If the container is not emptied, the collector must leave a tag and send a  
6 written notice to the person who ~~subscribers~~ subscribes for the collection service, identifying the  
7 incorrect materials and describing what action must be taken for the materials to be collected;  
8 provided, however, that a collector may not refuse on this basis to empty containers from  
9 multifamily or commercial properties with multiple tenants and joint account collection service.

10 (4) The collector shall, upon request, provide to the Director a list of the names  
11 and addresses of those persons who have received tags or notices or whose containers have  
12 not been emptied due to non-compliance with this Chapter 19, or copies of the tags or notices  
13 issued by the collector. The collector shall also provide to the Director, upon request, a list of  
14 the names, addresses, and service levels of the collector's customers and any additional  
15 information required by the Director.

16 (c) **Periodic Large Refuse Generator Audits.** The Director or collector shall complete an  
17 Audit of every Large Refuse Generator for compliance with this Chapter 19 not less than once every  
18 thirty months~~three years~~. City departments that are Large Refuse Generators shall be subject  
19 to Audits in the months from July through January only.

20 (d) **Audit Findings.** The Director shall find that a Large Refuse Generator is out of  
21 compliance with this Chapter 19 pursuant to an Audit of the contents of its collector-serviced refuse  
22 collection containers, if materials are found that do not belong in a designated collection container and  
23 are at a contamination level that either significantly impacts the ability to process and market the  
24 materials, or results in the significant loss of compostables or recyclables found in a collection  
25 container. The report for each failed audit shall include photographs of the contamination and a



1 description of how the contamination exceeds the Director's compliance threshold. The report may  
2 identify commercial tenant(s) whom Audit findings suggest are responsible for or have  
3 contributed to the contamination resulting in a Large Refuse Generator's noncompliance with  
4 this Chapter. Guidelines for the contamination threshold for Large Refuse Generators' compliance  
5 with this Chapter 19 shall be set and maintained by the Director based on market conditions and  
6 processing capabilities, and as needed to meet the City's progress toward zero-waste benchmarks.  
7 The Director shall review and revise these guidelines on an annual or more frequent basis as  
8 needed as needed and not more than once per year in furtherance of the objectives of this  
9 Chapter.

10 (e) **Notice of Noncompliance and Order to Comply.** Upon a finding of noncompliance under  
11 Sec. 1906(d), the Director shall promptly issue to the Large Refuse Generator a notice of  
12 noncompliance and order to comply ("notice and order").

13 (1) The notice and order shall state the provision(s) of this Chapter 19 with which the  
14 Large Refuse Generator has failed to comply, the specific Audit findings underlying this  
15 determination, and contact information for communications required by this Chapter. The  
16 notice and order shall also include a copy of the relevant provisions of this Chapter and related  
17 regulations.

18 (2) The notice and order shall state the requirements and 4560-day deadline in Section  
19 1906(f), and prescribe an adequate capacity of Zero Waste Facilitator(s) based on the Audit  
20 findings and in accordance with regulations. Where the Large Refuse Generator already  
21 has Zero Waste Facilitator(s) at the time it is found out of compliance, and the Director  
22 has determined that these Zero Waste Facilitator(s) are engaged at a capacity  
23 commensurate with the Large Refuse Generator's volume of refuse regularly produced,  
24 the Director may in his or her lawful discretion find that additional Zero Waste  
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1 Facilitator(s) are not necessary to correct the cause of the Audit failure, and order other  
2 remedial measures that he or she deems appropriate to correct the violation.

3 *(3) The notice and order may also mandate additional remedial steps and a timeline for*  
4 *response and/or compliance as the Director deems appropriate, in his or her lawful discretion*  
5 *and in furtherance of the objectives of this Chapter 19. The Director may make use of any*  
6 *relevant information or evidence, including information provided by the Collector, to*  
7 *determine the required remedial steps. In a notice and order issued to a 100%*  
8 *Affordable Housing Project or a Non-Profit Food Provider, the Director shall state that*  
9 *such an entity may seek a waiver of an order to engage Zero Waste Facilitator(s)*  
10 *based on its demonstrated lack of ability to afford associated costs without incurring*  
11 *significant hardship. The Director's order shall prescribe a timeline according to which*  
12 *a 100% Affordable Housing Project must submit in writing to the Director its waiver*  
13 *request and supporting documentation. The Director shall respond within 15 days of*  
14 *receiving such a request.*

15 *(f) **Zero Waste Facilitator Requirement.** A Large Refuse Generator who fails an Audit under*  
16 *Section 1906(c) must, within ~~45~~60 days of receipt of a Director's notice and order, and for a duration*  
17 *of a minimum of 24 consecutive months, designate staff or otherwise engage person(s) whose exclusive*  
18 *function is to serve as Zero Waste Facilitator(s). Such person(s) must ~~meet minimum criteria, and be~~*  
19 *engaged at sufficient capacity to address the Audit findings, in accordance with regulations*  
20 *promulgated by the Director and as specified in the Director's notice and order. The Large Refuse*  
21 *Generator must notify the Director in writing by the ~~45~~60-day deadline of its plan for compliance, and*  
22 *include supporting documentation, as described in regulations. The Director may afford an*  
23 *additional 60 days for Large Refuse Generators other than City departments to engage Zero*  
24 *Waste Facilitator(s), based on demonstrated limited availability of Zero Waste*  
25 *Facilitator(s). The Director may afford an extension longer than 60 days to City departments*

1 based on the departments' need to seek budget authorization, provided that any department  
2 seeking such an extension provides the Director with a written explanation of the need for  
3 additional budgetary authority and the anticipated steps and timeline for seeking that  
4 authority. Upon receiving the required budget authorization, the City department shall update  
5 the Director regarding its timeline for promptly engaging a Zero Waste Facilitator. The  
6 Director may afford a 100% Affordable Housing Project or a Non-Profit Food Provider up to an  
7 additional 365 days to engage Zero Waste Facilitator(s) after such an entity's first Audit failure  
8 following enactment of the ordinance in Board File No. 180646. *The Large Refuse Generator*  
9 *shall be subject to a follow-up Audit upon expiry of the 24-month period if no earlier compliance Audit*  
10 *is conducted. The Director or collector shall conduct inspections, monitor compliance with the notice*  
11 *and order, and pursue enforcement in the intervening period, as permitted under this Chapter 19.*

12 (g) **Compliance Audits.** *Notwithstanding the 24-month requirement described in Section*  
13 *1906(f), after 12 consecutive months of compliance with all aspects of a notice and order issued under*  
14 *Section 1906(e), a Large Refuse Generator may request a follow-up Audit to demonstrate compliance.*  
15 *Such compliance Audits shall be conducted at the Large Refuse Generator's own expense. A Large*  
16 *Refuse Generator that has failed its most recent Audit must provide sufficient evidence of remediation*  
17 *efforts alongside a request for a compliance Audit. Provided these requirements are met, the Director*  
18 *or collector shall complete a requested compliance Audit within a reasonable time frame. No Large*  
19 *Refuse Generator is entitled to more than three Audits per collection container in a single 365-day*  
20 *period. Where the Large Refuse Generator passes a compliance Audit and has implemented mandated*  
21 *remedial measures, the Director shall issue an order finding compliance and resolving the underlying*  
22 *notice and order. Where the Large Refuse Generator fails a compliance Audit, the Director may order*  
23 *additional remedial measures and/or administrative penalties in accordance with Section 1906(h).*

24 (h) **Enforcement of Notices of Noncompliance and Orders to Comply, and Audit Failure.**  
25 *The Director may impose an administrative penalty of up to \$1000 for each violation of any aspect of a*

1 Director's order issued to a Large Refuse Generator under this Chapter 19. Each day of continued  
2 noncompliance may constitute a separate violation. The Director may hold such imposed  
3 administrative penalties in abeyance, pending completion of ordered remedial steps or based on other  
4 conditions, in accordance with his or her lawful discretion and in furtherance of the objectives of this  
5 Chapter 19. A Large Refuse Generator that is a City-owned or operated facility is not subject  
6 to administrative penalties under this Section 1906(h).

7 ~~(e)(i)~~ Within 90 days of the end of each calendar year, each collector must submit to  
8 the Department, on a form specified by the Director, an annual report of all tons collected by  
9 material type and to whom the material was sent.

10 (j) Upon one year from the operative date of this ordinance the ordinance in Board File No.  
11 180646 and annually thereafter, the Director shall report to the Board of Supervisors on notices and  
12 orders issued to Large Refuse Generators under this Chapter 19 within the prior 12-month period. No  
13 more than 39 months after the ordinance in Board File No. 180646 becomes operative, the  
14 Director shall submit a report to the Board of Supervisors regarding its implementation to date,  
15 and may include recommended amendments to the ordinance as he or she may deem  
16 appropriate.

17 ~~(d)(k)~~ No person may deliver recyclables or compostables, including those mixed with  
18 trash, to a landfill or transfer station for the purpose of having those materials landfilled,  
19 except as follows:

20 (1) A collector may drop off recyclables or compostables at the San Francisco  
21 transfer station for landfill if the transfer station has agreed to provide to the Director, upon  
22 request, audits of collection vehicles for a specified period going forward in time. The transfer  
23 station's audit shall report the quantity of recyclables or compostables, stated as estimated  
24 tons per load or as a percentage of the loads, deposited at the transfer station by collection  
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1 vehicles specifically identified in the request over a reasonable period of time occurring after  
2 the request.

3 (2) A processing facility that sorts and reconstitutes recyclables for the purpose  
4 of using the altered form in the manufacture of a new product or turns compostables into  
5 usable and marketable compost (e.g., soil-conditioning) material may send to a landfill a minor  
6 portion of those materials that constitutes unmarketable processing residuals, if the  
7 processing facility provides to the Director, upon request, audits of specific collection vehicles  
8 for a specific period going forward in time, of the quantities of recyclables or compostables  
9 sent to the landfill from the processing facility.

10 ~~(e)(1)~~ No person may deliver trash from the city, including trash mixed with recyclables  
11 or compostables, to a processing facility, unless the processing facility has agreed to provide  
12 to the Director, upon request, audits of collection vehicles for a specified period going forward  
13 in time. The processing facility's audit shall report the quantity of trash, stated as estimated  
14 tons per load or as a percentage of the loads, deposited at the processing facility by collection  
15 vehicles specifically identified in the request over a reasonable period of time occurring after  
16 the request.

17 (m) The operative date for the ordinance in Board File No. 180646 shall be July 1,  
18 2019, except for the following entities, for whom this ordinance shall become operative on July  
19 1, 2021: (1) Large Refuse Generators that are 100% Affordable Housing Projects, and (2)  
20 Large Refuse Generators that are or encompass Non-Profit Food Providers.

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22 **SEC. 1908. ENFORCEMENT.**

23 (a) The Director ~~and his or her designee~~ may administer all provisions of this Chapter 19  
24 and enforce those provisions by any lawful means available for such purpose, including  
25 through imposition of administrative penalties for violations of those provisions of this Chapter, or of

1 rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, except as otherwise provided in this  
2 Chapter.

3 (b) To the extent permitted by law, the Director ~~and collectors~~ may inspect any  
4 collection container, collection vehicle load, or receiving facility, including back-of-house  
5 facilities, and the Director may also inspect internal facilities, front-of-house bins, or refuse chute  
6 rooms, for collected trash, recyclables, or compostables, and proper separation thereof, to enforce  
7 this Chapter 19.

8 (c) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter 19, the Director of the Department of  
9 Public Health or his or her designee may impose administrative fines for violations of those  
10 provisions of this Chapter, or of rules and regulations adopted pursuant to this Chapter, that  
11 pertain to the jurisdiction of the Department of Public Health.

12 (d) Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter 19, the Director of Public Works or  
13 his or her designee may impose administrative fines for violations of those provisions of this  
14 Chapter, or of any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this Chapter, that pertain to the  
15 jurisdiction of the Department of Public Works.

16 (e) *San Francisco* Administrative Code Chapter 100, "Procedures Governing the  
17 Imposition of Administrative Fines," as amended, is hereby incorporated in its entirety and  
18 shall govern the imposition, enforcement, collection, and review of administrative citations and  
19 penalties issued to enforce this Chapter 19 and any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this  
20 Chapter; provided, however, that:

21 (1) The Director of Public Works or the Director of Public Health may adopt  
22 regulations providing for lesser penalty amounts than those provided in Administrative Code  
23 Section 100.5;

24 (2) The fine for any violation at a dwelling or commercial property that  
25 generates less than one cubic yard of refuse per week may not initially exceed \$100; and

1                   (3) The Director may impose administrative penalties as set forth in Section 1906(h).  
2 ~~No person who is the owner, tenant, manager, employee, contractor, or visitor of a multifamily or of a~~  
3 ~~multi-tenant commercial property shall be subject to fines or penalties for violation of Section 1903~~  
4 ~~(but will remain subject to such enforcement for violations of section 1904 and other sections of the~~  
5 ~~Ordinance), unless and until the Director of the Department of the Environment has adopted specific~~  
6 ~~regulations setting out the liability of such persons. The Director shall not adopt such regulations prior~~  
7 ~~to July 1, 2011.~~

8                   (f) The City Department shall use administrative penalties collected under this Chapter  
9 19, including recovery of enforcement costs, to fund implementation and enforcement of this  
10 Chapter. Remedies under this Chapter are in addition to and do not supersede or limit any  
11 and all other remedies, civil or criminal.

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13                   **SEC. 1909. FORMS, REGULATIONS AND GUIDELINES.**

14                   (a) After public notice and a public hearing, the Director may adopt necessary forms,  
15 and regulations, ~~and guidelines~~ to implement this Chapter.

16                   (b) The Department shall provide assistance regarding compliance with this Chapter.

17                   (c) The Department shall provide information on its website regarding what materials  
18 are accepted as recyclables, compostables, and trash under this Chapter.

19                   **SEC. 1910. EXCEPTIONS**

20                   (a) A property owner or manager may seek a waiver from the Director of all or  
21 portions of this Chapter, if the applicant submits documentation, using a form specified by the  
22 Director and including a signed affidavit under penalty of perjury, that shows that the property  
23 does not have adequate storage space for containers for recyclables, compostables or trash.  
24 In cases where after on-site verification space limitations are determined to exist, the Director  
25 shall evaluate the feasibility of sharing containers for recyclables, compostables or trash with

1 contiguous properties, and, where feasible, requiring container sharing in lieu of providing a  
2 waiver.

3 (b) Except as otherwise required by the Director, a City agency or any person,  
4 property owner or manager, or business or community improvement district, may collect  
5 gather trash, compostables, and recyclables that have been placed in pPublic tPrash  
6 eContainers within its authorized area, and/or refuse directly from the ground on a sidewalk,  
7 street, or park within its authorized area, and may place the items in collection containers  
8 designated exclusively for public trash that are serviced by the collector, and/or a collector  
9 may drop-off compostables or recyclables so gathered at the San Francisco transfer station  
10 that have been collected from public trash containers, so long as the items have not been co-  
11 mingled with refuse from any other source, including refuse generated by the serviced entity  
12 itself. A collector may drop off compostables or recyclables at the San Francisco transfer  
13 station that have been collected from public trash containers. The Director may require  
14 Ppublic Ttrash Ceontainers to have a recyclables receptacle attached.

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16 Section 4. Effective and Operative Dates.

17 (a) Except where otherwise specifically noted, tThis ordinance shall become effective  
18 30 days after enactment. Enactment occurs when the Mayor signs the ordinance, the Mayor  
19 returns the ordinance unsigned or does not sign the ordinance within ten days of receiving it,  
20 or the Board of Supervisors overrides the Mayor's veto of the ordinance.

21 (b) This ordinance shall become operative on JanuaryJuly 1, 2019.  
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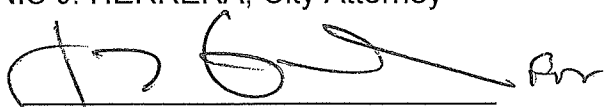
23 Section 5. Scope of Ordinance. Except as stated in Section 2, in enacting this  
24 ordinance, the Board of Supervisors intends to amend only those words, phrases,  
25 paragraphs, subsections, sections, articles, numbers, punctuation marks, charts, diagrams, or



1 any other constituent parts of the Municipal Code that are explicitly shown in this ordinance as  
2 additions, deletions, Board amendment additions, and Board amendment deletions in  
3 accordance with the "Note" that appears under the official title of the ordinance.

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APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
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Deputy City Attorney

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**LEGISLATIVE DIGEST**

[Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance]

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Existing Law

Chapter 19 of the Environment Code requires source separation of refuse into recyclables, compostables, and trash, and mandates subscription to refuse collection service. Chapter 19 sets forth requirements for owners or managers of multifamily and commercial buildings, and food vendors and events, to provide their tenants, employees, contractors, and/or customers with access to refuse containers and training on source separation. It also sets forth standards for refuse collectors, transfer stations, and processing facilities related to tagging refuse containers of noncompliant customers, and delivery and acceptance of refuse materials. Chapter 19 provides for inspections, administrative enforcement, and issuance of administrative penalties by various Departments for noncompliance. It incorporates Administrative Code Section 100, governing the imposition, enforcement, and appeal of administrative citations, in its entirety, except as otherwise provided in Chapter 19.

Amendments to Current Law

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AMENDED IN COMMITTEE  
11/29/18

FILE NO. 180646

Notwithstanding the 24-month minimum requirement for engagement of zero waste facilitator(s), a large refuse generator who has engaged zero waste facilitator(s) for 12 consecutive months and taken all other ordered remedial steps may request a compliance audit from the Department of Environment at its own expense. Under this ordinance, the Director of the Department of Environment would have authority to impose, and hold in abeyance at his or her lawful discretion, administrative penalties at a maximum of \$1000 per violation of each aspect of a Director's order. Each day of continued noncompliance may constitute a separate violation.

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For all other large refuse generators, the ordinance's operative date would be July 1, 2019.

Background

This legislation reflects amendments passed at the Budget and Finance Committee on November 1, 2018 and November 15, 2018, and previously at the Land Use and Transportation Committee on September 17, 2018, to the substitute ordinance introduced at the Board of Supervisors on September 11, 2018. This ordinance was initially introduced at the Board of Supervisors on June 12, 2018.

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<p><b>Item 11</b>  <b>File 18-0646</b>  <i>Continued from November 15, 2018</i></p>	<p><b>Department:</b>                  Department of Environment (DOE)</p>
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**Potential Cost of Zero Waste Facilitators**

According to the Department of Environment, each large refuse generator that is required to engage a zero waste facilitator may need one to two full time staff, at a rate of approximately \$20 per hour in direct salary plus 100 percent for benefits and overhead, or approximately \$40 per hour per staff person. The Department of Environment expects that five City-operated large refuse generators may fail their compliance audit, resulting in a total cost to the City of approximately \$416,000 to \$832,000 per year, as shown in the table below.

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**Potential Disposal Cost Savings from Zero Waste Facilitators**

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Approval of the proposed ordinance is a policy matter for the Board of Supervisors.

**Item 10**  
**File 18-0646**  
*Continued from November 1, 2018*

**Department:**  
 Department of Environment (DOE)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Legislative Objectives**

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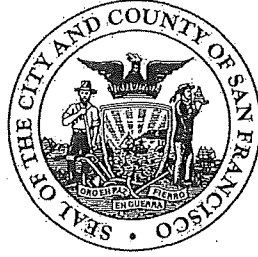
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November 21, 2018

File No. 180646-5

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

On November 15, 2018, Supervisor Safai introduced the following amended legislation:

**File No. 180646-5**

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

*for* By: *Linda Wong*, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
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November 8, 2018

File No. 180646-4

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Dear Ms. Gibson:

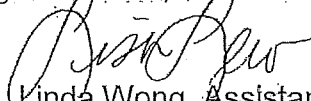
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September 19, 2018

File No. 180646-3

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

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On September 17, 2018, Supervisor Safai amended the following proposed legislation:

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September 14, 2018

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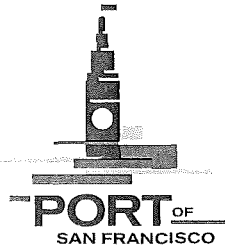
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Dear Supervisors:

On Friday, September 14, the Port received a referral from the Clerk of the Board regarding file number 180646 --a proposed Ordinance amending the Environmental Code to add enforcement measures to the City's refuse separation compliance policy. My staff's preliminary review of this legislation suggests that, in addition to Port operations, it may impact many Port tenants who are likely not aware of the proposed changes to the Environment Code.

The Port supports the Department of Environment and efforts to further improve our stewardship of the City and Bay (it is, in fact, a part of our obligation under the Public Trust imposed by the State of California). It would be very helpful to have additional time to alert the Port's many tenants and fully assess the impacts on the Port's public-facing refuse collection efforts as a major tourist destination.

That we may engage our tenants and further our own understanding on this change in policy, I respectfully request that item number five on today's Transportation and Land Use Committee Agenda, *Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance*, be continued for 30 days.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly or have your staff reach out to Daley Dunham in my office at 415-274-0454 with any questions.

Respectfully,

Elaine Forbes  
Executive Director

cc: Erica Major  
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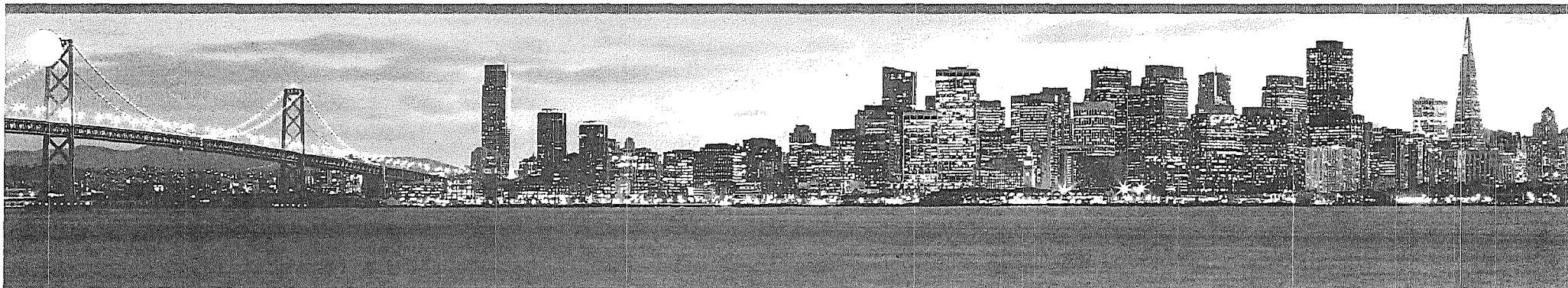
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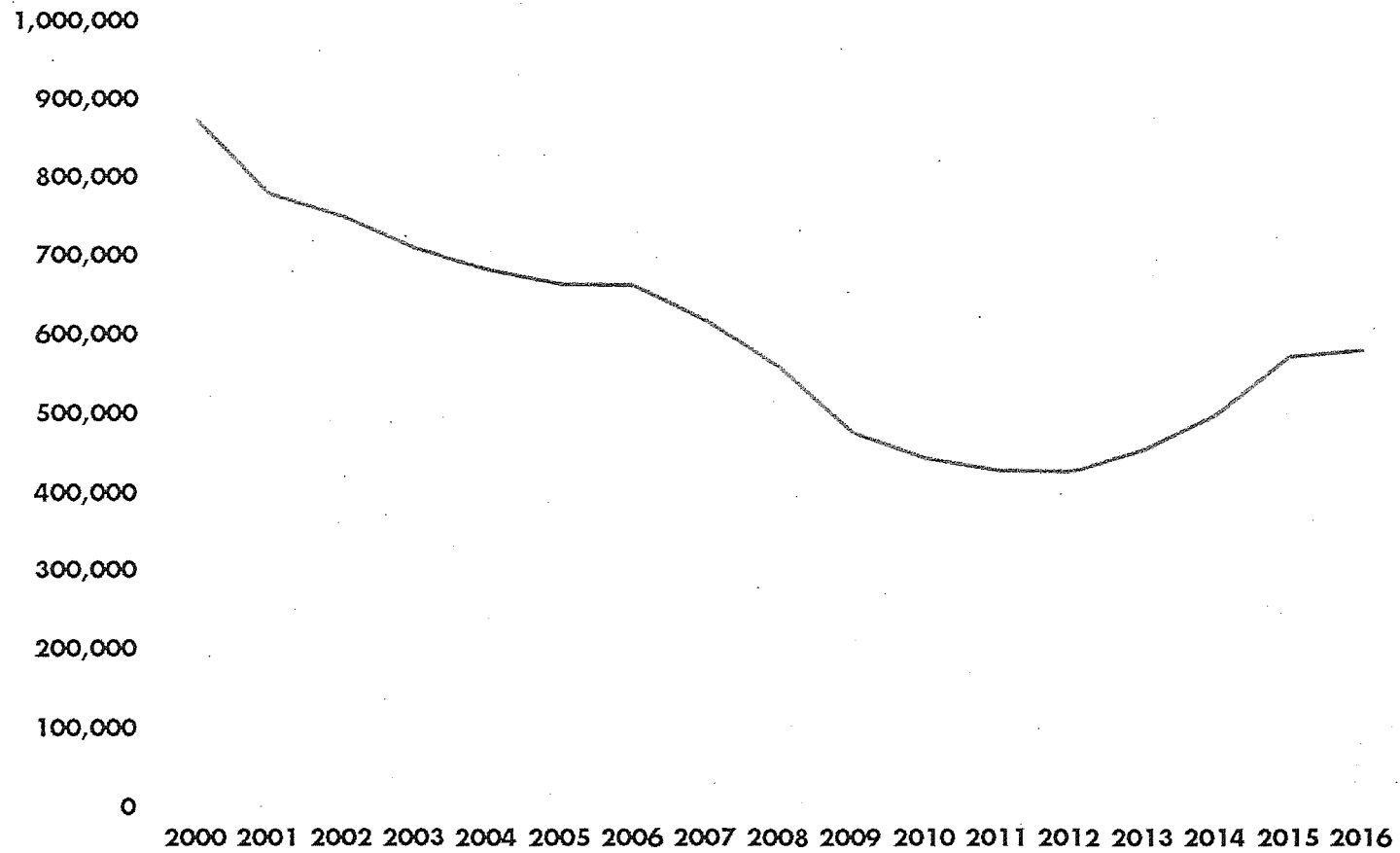
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# Zero Waste Facilitators

Facilitating Composting and Recycling in  
San Francisco's Largest Refuse Generators



# Total Tons Disposed



# Why Large Refuse Generators?



20%





# Who are the Large Refuse Generators?



Those with either a **roll-off compactor** OR **40 cubic yards or more** of **weekly refuse service with Recology**

<b>Account Type</b>	<b>#</b>
Office	117
Multi-family (Non Affordable Housing)	86
Hotel	48
Medical, Univ, School, Church, Museum	34
Supermarket, Produce Market	32
Retail Non-Food, Shopping Center/Mall	30
City Gov	15
Restaurant	15
Conv, Theater, Stadium, Club, Parking, Ferry, GG Bridge	13
Affordable Housing	12
State or Fed Gov	5
Wholesale Market	5
Nonprofit Food Pantry	5
Industrial	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>419</b>

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# Performance Amongst Large Generators

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- **77% of trash compactors audited have over 50% compostables and recyclables**
- **22% of recycling and 12% of composting compactors also contaminated**
- **42 currently have Zero Waste Facilitators**



# What We Are Currently Doing



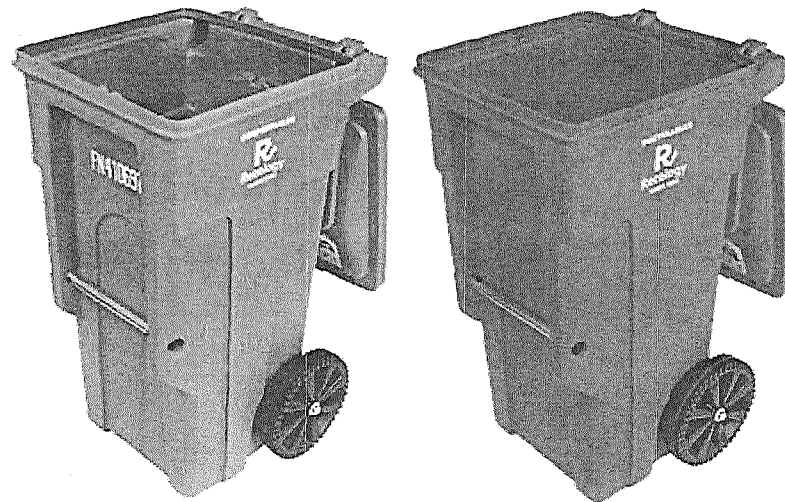
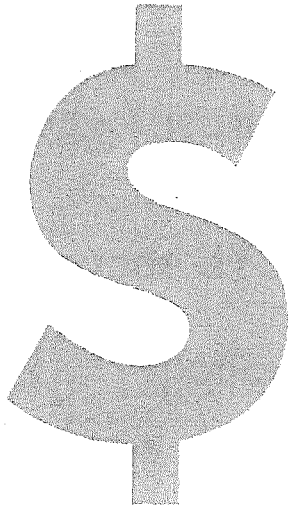
- Extra charges can be applied to all commercial customers found out of compliance
  - **32 accounts** have excess contamination charges
  - **14 accounts** have been paying \$1,000s extra per month in contamination charges for more than a year



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# Financial Value/Impact of Zero Waste Facilitators

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# Case Study Example: 926 unit Apartment Building

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Building saved a net **\$28,000** per year

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# Case Study Example: Affordable Housing

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## Mercy Housing Properties

### 1390 Mission Street – 136 Units

	Before	After	Costs
Recovery Rate	8%	70%	
Total Monthly Savings			\$ 2,681.80
Total ZWF Monthly Cost			\$ 2,000.00
Net Annual Savings			\$ 8,181.60

### Britton Court – 92 Units

	Before	After	Costs
Recovery Rate	24%	46%	
Total Monthly Savings			\$ 1,509.78
Total ZWF Monthly Cost			\$ 1,000.00
Net Annual Savings			\$ 6,117.36

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# Case Study Example: City Property (SFMTA)

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## Muni Maintenance Yards

	<b>Before</b>	<b>After</b>	<b>Costs</b>
<b>Recovery Rate</b>	29%	42%	
<b>Total Monthly Savings</b>			\$ 838,530
<b>Total ZWF Monthly Cost</b>			\$722,112.00
<b>Net Annual Savings</b>			\$ 116,418.00

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# Zero Waste Facilitators Are an Available Tool

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**9 companies** currently offer Zero Waste Facilitator services in San Francisco:

- Able Janitorial
- ABM Janitorial
- Clean Waste Revolution
- Copia Resources
- Integrity Waste
- McPike Consulting
- Toolworks
- Township Building Services
- Waste Experts

List available at SF Environment's website:

<https://sfenvironment.org/download/zero-waste-facilitators>



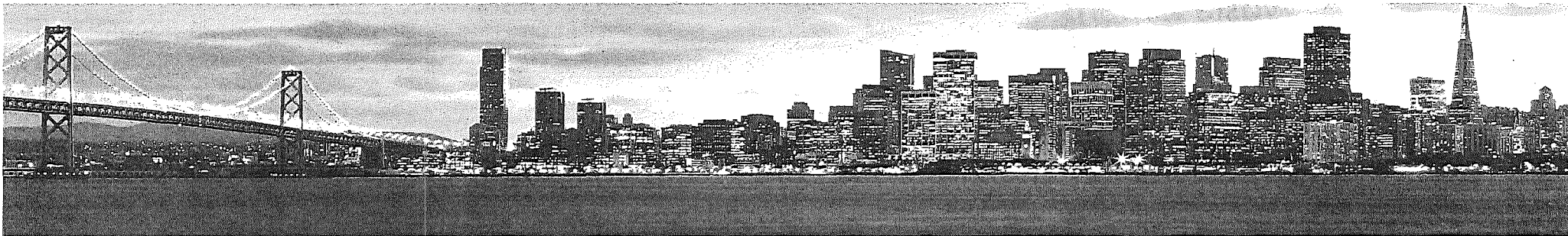
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# Closing

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- Large Refuse Generators (LRG) make up ~20% of the City's growing refuse stream.
- Audits find high contamination in LRG trash compactors – which is material that is unsorted, unrecoverable, and goes straight to landfill
- Zero Waste Facilitators have a proven track record of success





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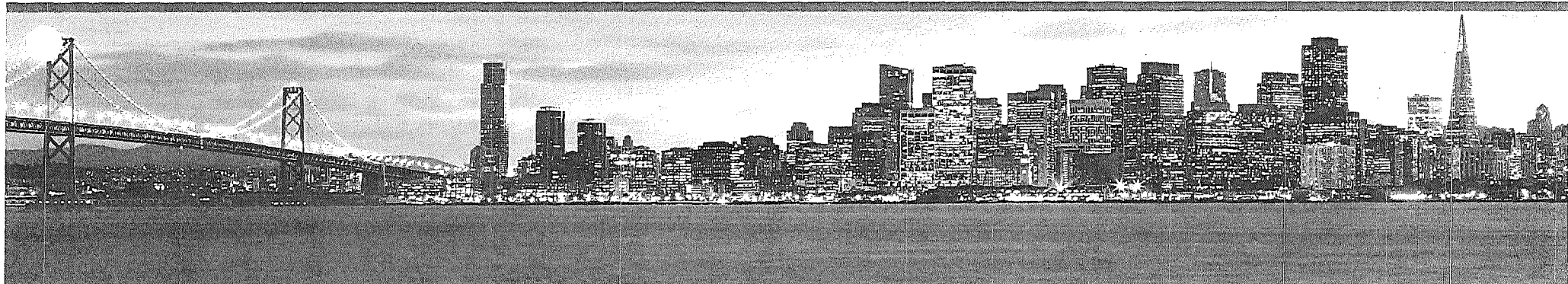
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# Questions?

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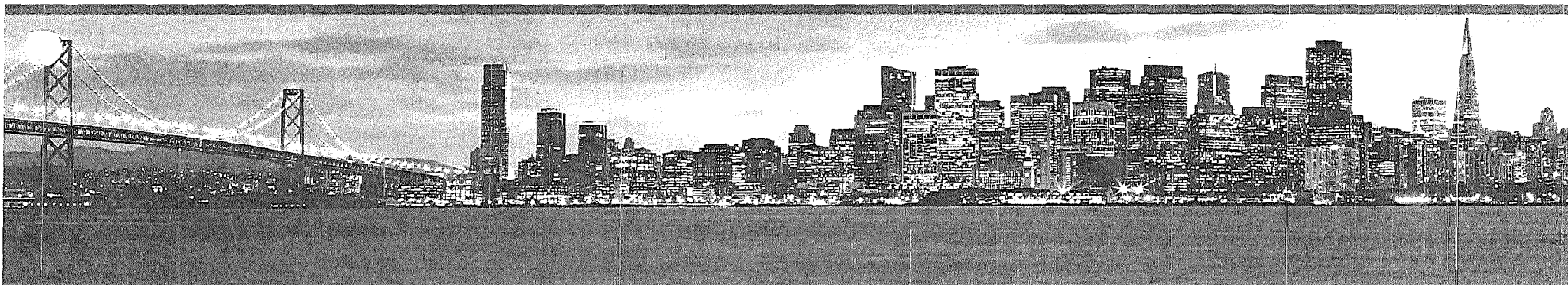
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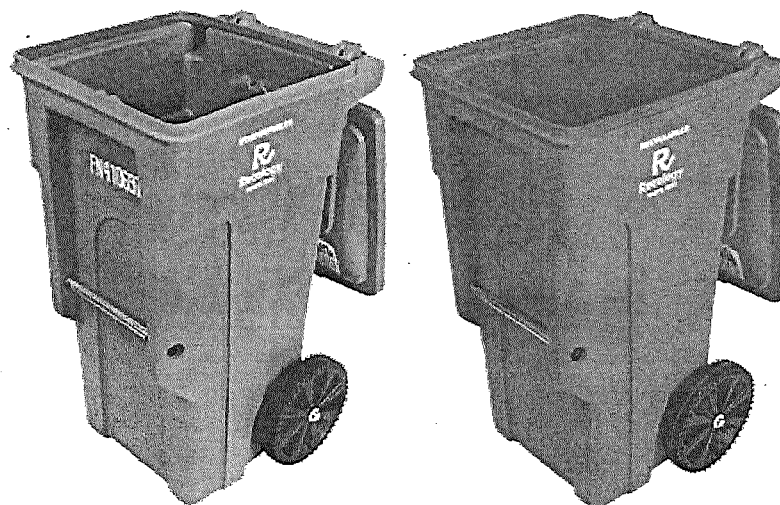
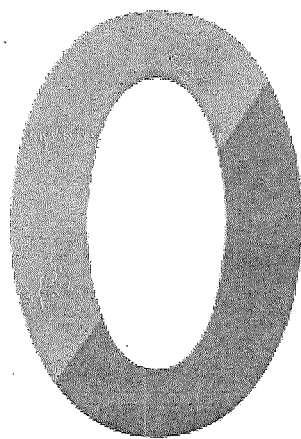
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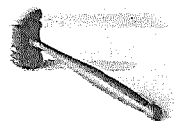
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Zero Waste goal set by Commission on the Environment



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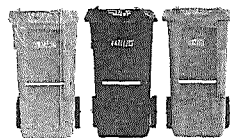
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2018

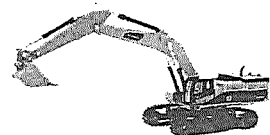
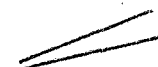
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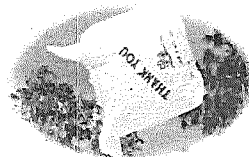
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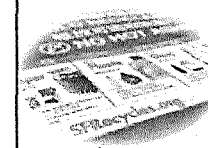
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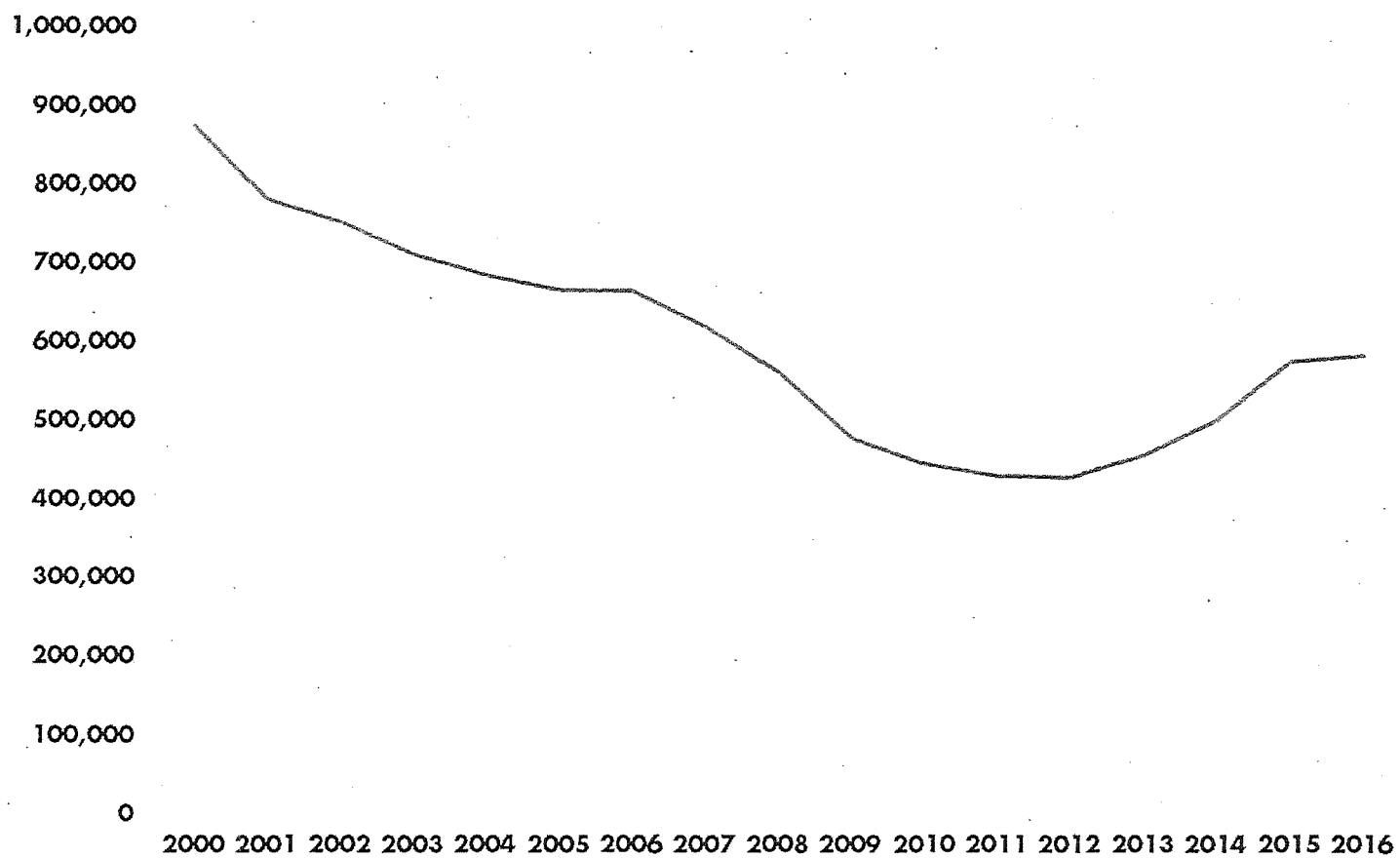
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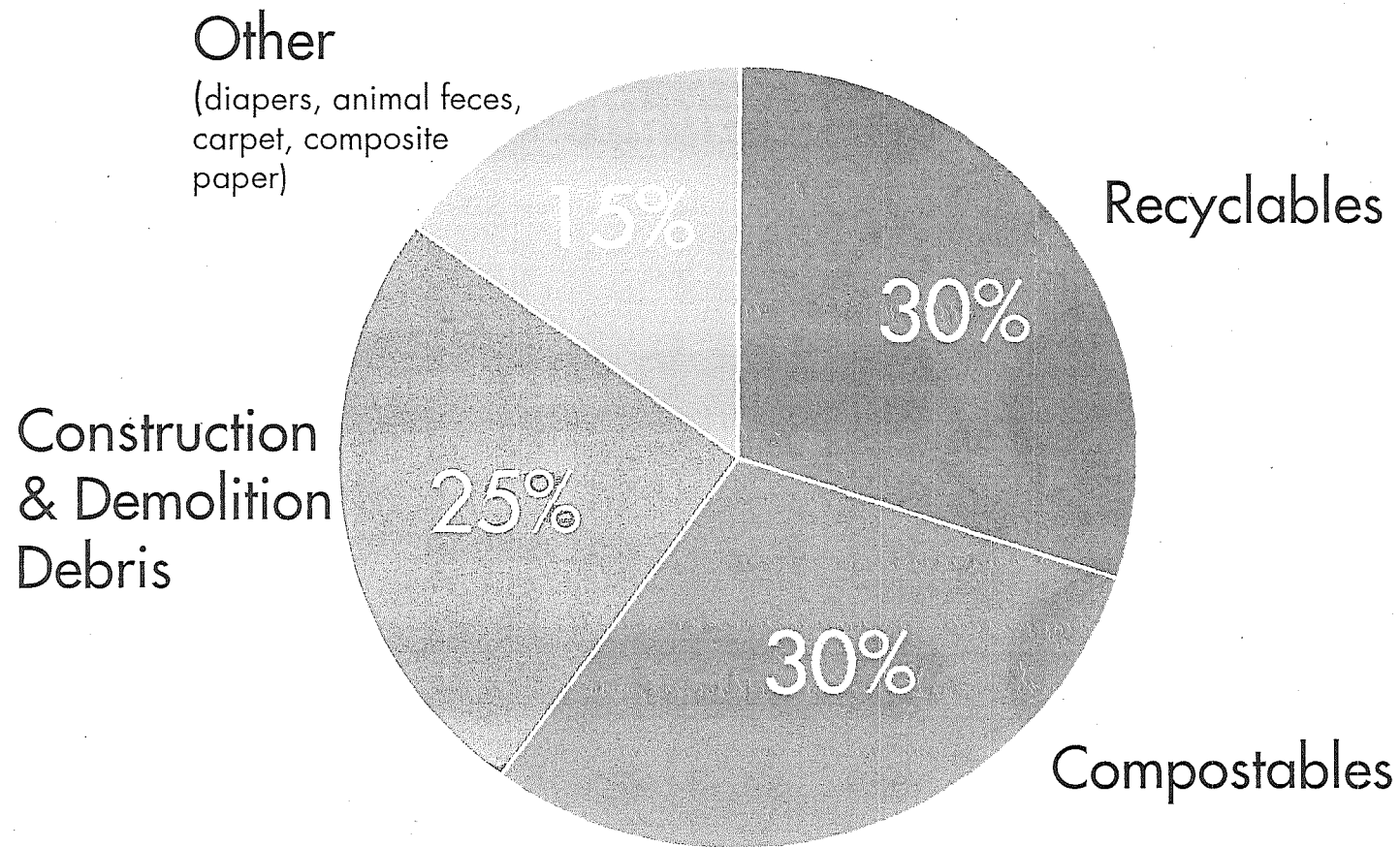
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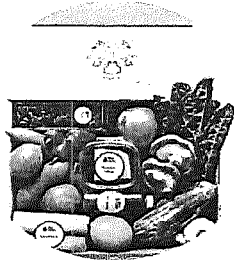
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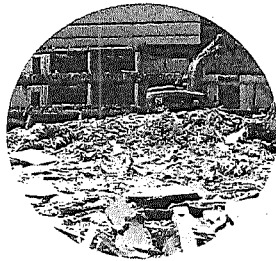
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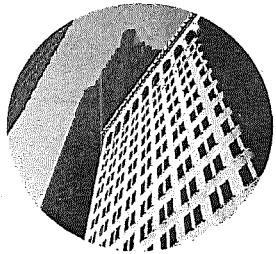
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**Changing Consumption**



**C&D Debris**



**Large Generators**



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Hotels	48
Apartments	97
Retail, Mall, Wholesale, Restaurant	95
School, Univ, Hosp, Church, Food Pantry, Museum..	42
Convention, Theater, Stadium, Club, Ferry..	9
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# What City Departments are Included?

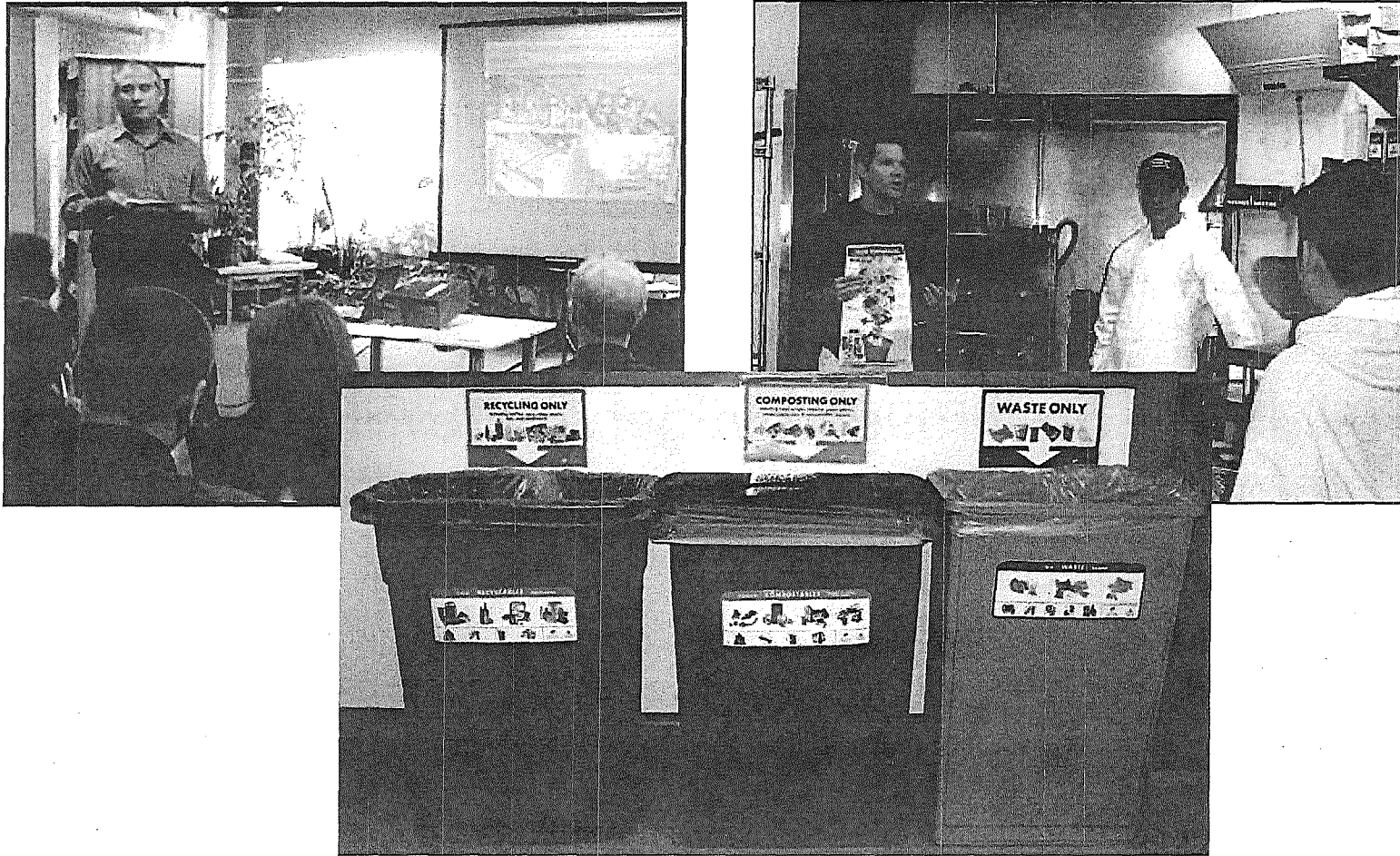


<u>Department</u>	<u>Total</u>
Real Estate	3
SFDPH - Laguna Honda Hospital	1
SFDPH - General Hospital	1
SF Municipal Transportation Agency	5
SF Public Library	1
SF Port	2
SF Public Utilities Commission	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>





# Our Commitment to City Departments



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# Amendments for City Departments

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- Audit timing aligned with budget process
- Allows for BOS to approve any additional resources
- Time provided to go through budget approval process
- Amendments on page 7, lines 2-4



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# Budget & Finance Impact Report

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- 5 facilities may need extra work to pass audit
- Can designate existing staff or make new hires if needed
- Impact of up to \$416,000 to \$832,000 per year, with 1 to 2 new FTE staff @ \$40/hr times 5 facilities
- Costs do not include recovery discount rate savings or avoiding contamination charges

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## Other Stakeholder Informed Changes

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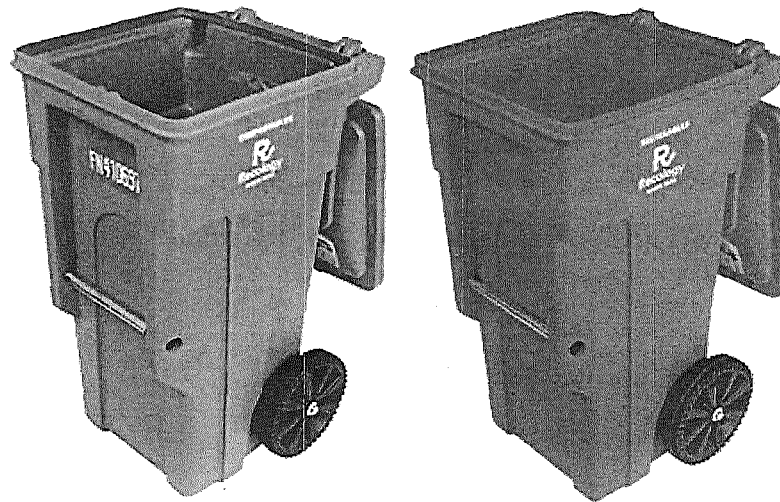
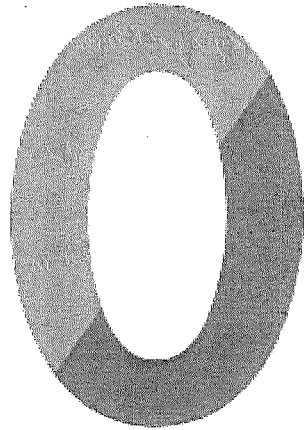


- Raise threshold definition for large refuse generators
- Allow for commercial tenant responsibility
- Allow additional 60 days for hiring
- Review and recommend changes after 3 year audit cycle

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In Closing...

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**SF Department of the Environment**

Port of San Francisco  
November 1, 2018

### Recommended Approach to Amending Refuse Separation Compliance Ordinance

The Port strongly supports Supervisor Safai's ordinance to help the city achieve its zero waste goals. The Port has some unique properties at the Port including, AT&T Park, the Ferry Building, and Pier 39 ferry. In order to help these and other tenants meet the purposes of the legislation, we have two proposals. The first would delegate to the Director of the Department of the Environment the ability to impose other enforcement actions. The second proposal would treat public trash cans in BCDC dedicated public access areas the same as public trash containers elsewhere in the city under an existing exemption in the environment code.

#### Proposal #1

In Section F, under "Zero Waste Facilitator Requirement," add language to the effect of:

"If the Director, through her findings, determines that a Zero Waste Facilitator would not bring the Large Refuse Generators into compliance, or determines that other factors prevent Zero Waste Facilitators from being effective, the Director may prescribe other enforcement actions to help Large Refuse Generator comply."

#### Proposal #2

This proposal would amend an existing exemption for public cans in Environment Code:

Chapter 19, Section 1902 would be amended as follows:

(u) "Public Trash Container" means any receptacle installed by a public agency at a sidewalk, park or other public area and that is not under the control, unless otherwise required by this Chapter, of a multifamily or commercial property, food vendor or event manager, or public cans placed by a private entity in an area designated as dedicated public access by the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

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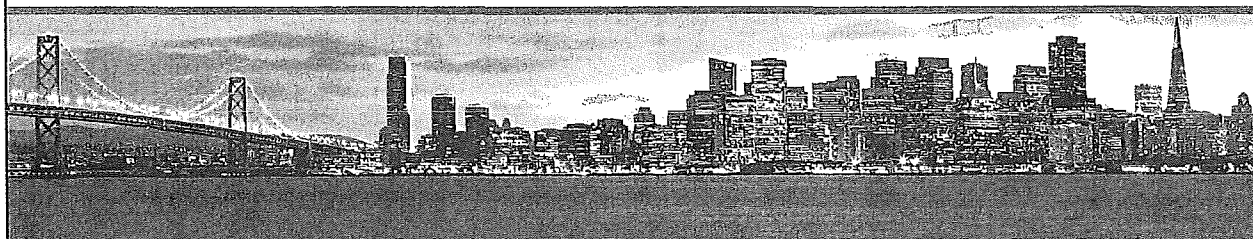
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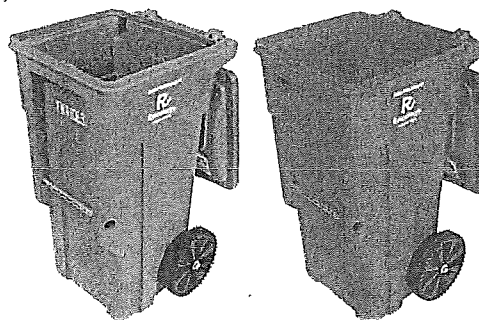
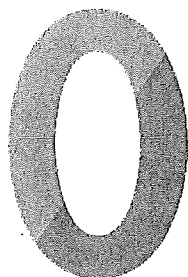
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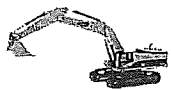
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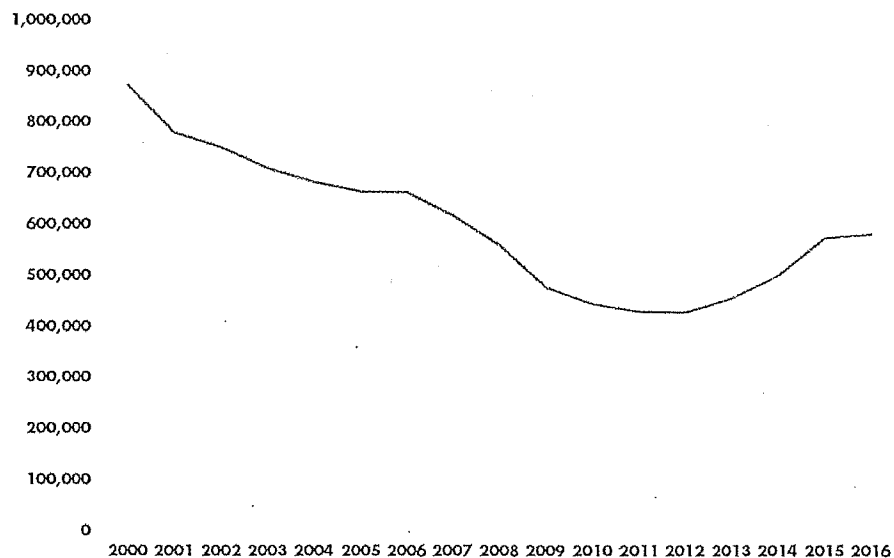
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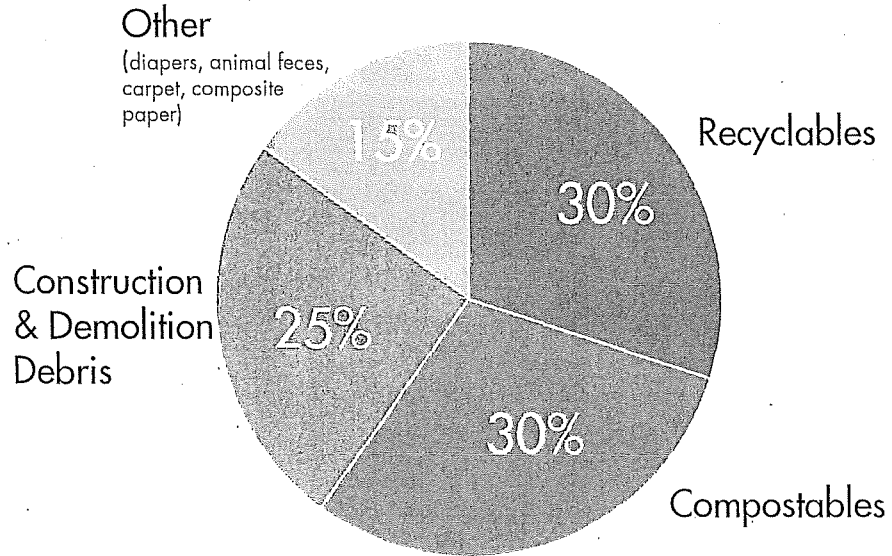
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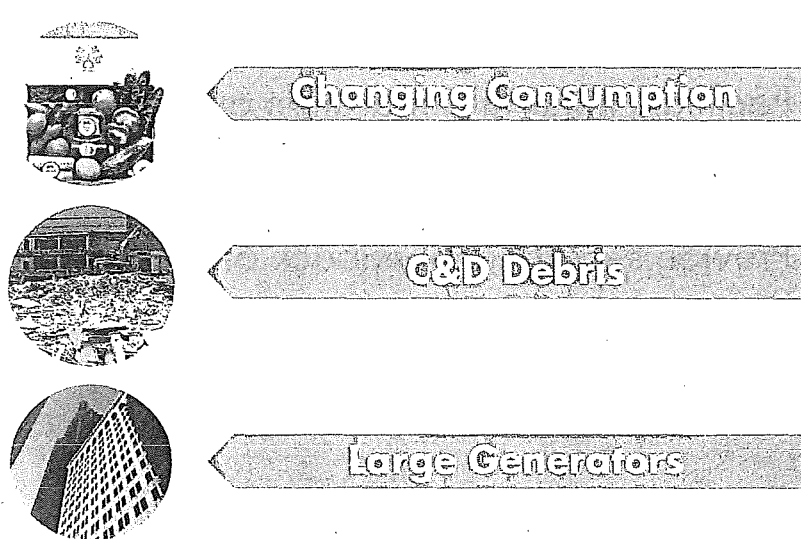
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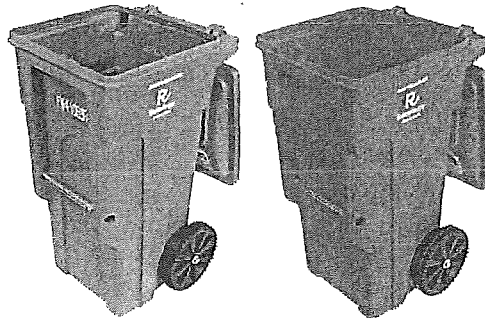
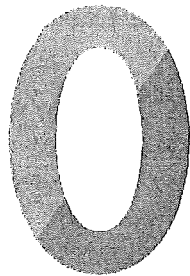


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# In Closing...



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- We would like to thank the Author's office and the SF Department of Environment in working with us to address most of the operational issues that we have raised during the course of developing this legislation. With the most recent round of amendments, we are confident Recology will be able to meet the mandates to perform audits.
- We deeply appreciate the City's continuing efforts to create policies that support San Francisco's goal of 50% landfill reduction by 2030. We want to thank the Author for his focus on contamination, an important issue in meeting this ambitious goal.
- Over the past decade, in partnership with the City we have worked to steadily improve recycling and compost participation amongst our largest commercial customers. Through a thoughtful set of policy tools including economic incentives, primarily positive, but also negative when other efforts fail, outreach, and education we have been able to make great strides. Today 99% of all buildings in San Francisco have the 3 bin system onsite offering everyone the opportunity to participate.
- Through an iterative process with the City and our customers a few things have become readily apparent:

→ how often does a unit get tags?  
→ how often do we refuse services?

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1. The large majority of our customers do in fact want to be good recyclers. Most believe in the greater goal of environmental protection, but all enjoy the economic savings that are realized by fully participating.
2. Our large generator commercial customers represent a diverse group of operations from non-profits such as the San Francisco Food Bank, to low-income housing properties like the Alice Griffith Apartments, to multi-tenant commercial entities such as the Embarcadero Center. Each sector and customer within those sectors presents us a different set of material waste streams, internal process flows and economic resources and constraints to work within.
3. Every customer, every building, is unique. A solution that reduces contamination for one customer is likely not to be the ideal solution for another customer. Customer needs change over time as new tenants introduce new products into their streams. Once those issues are identified, they can be addressed through outreach and education.
4. Over the past year and half, Recology has worked with over 300 customers on contamination issues. In nearly 75% of those cases, the customer addressed the issue through outreach and education. Education remains an essential component, no matter which operational solution to reduce contamination is applied. It enables individual waste generators to do a better job recycling and composting at their place of work. Equally important the behavior is taken home with them, critical actions to achieve City goals.

In summary, we have learned the more levers made available to Recology and the City to pull, from both an incentive and penalty perspective, the more thoughtful we can be with our customers from the outreach and educational perspective.

Recology looks to support legislation and policy that decreases contamination reducing the amount of materials sent to landfill. However thoughtful or well-intentioned, for legislation to be effective we need to understand our customers concerns have been heard and addressed prior to implementation.

- If called on, Recology would look forward to working with supervisor Safai's office, the Department of Environment and our customers on policy enhancements to improve the final product.

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Malia Cohen

**PRESIDENTIAL ACTION**

Date: July 18, 2018

To: Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

Madam Clerk,  
Pursuant to Board Rules, I am hereby:

Waiving 30-Day Rule (Board Rule No. 3.23)

File No. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Title. \_\_\_\_\_

Transferring (Board Rule No 3.3)

File No. 180646 Safai  
(Primary Sponsor)

Title. Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every two years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation

From: Public Safety & Neighborhood Services Committee

To: Land Use & Transportation Committee

Assigning Temporary Committee Appointment (Board Rule No. 3.1)

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## Wong, Linda (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 20, 2018 9:48 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance!- 180646  
**Attachments:** bfc111518\_agenda.pdf; Refuse Digest v4.pdf; Refuse Leg v4.pdf

**From:** HENRY KARNILOWICZ <occcexp@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 1:51 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <katy.tang@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>; Breed, Mayor London (MYR) <mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org>; Karunaratne, Kanishka (MYR) <kanishka.cheng@sfgov.org>; Peacock, Rebecca (MYR) <rebecca.peacock@sfgov.org>; Raphael, Deborah (ENV) <deborah.raphael@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance!- 180646

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Dear Supervisors,

I am concerned with the legislation as written as it will place a burden on businesses with the requiring of the hiring of a full time person to separate the refuse.

And the imposition of penalties as stated is too severe as there should be at least warnings. Frequently street people tip over the containers over which businesses have no control.

Take note that there has been no date provided and compliance is still tied to refuse marketability.

In the event of a failed audit the legislation requires hiring of a zero waste facilitator.

The DOE intends to impose a penalty of \$1,000 per day and a 12 month period before an audit can be requested which is extreme and unfair.

I do not support this ordinance and would very much appreciate your consideration in amending it.

Henry Karnilowicz  
President  
San Francisco Council of District Merchants Associations

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## Wong, Linda (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, November 19, 2018 2:15 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Safai Refuse Separation Ordinance (File No. 180646)

**From:** Charley Goss <charley@sfaa.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, November 14, 2018 2:57 PM  
**To:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** janan@sfaa.org  
**Subject:** Safai Refuse Separation Ordinance (File No. 180646)

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Dear Mayor Breed and members of the Board of Supervisors,

The SF Apartment Association has reached out to many of you to express its concerns related to Supervisor Safai's Refuse Separation ordinance (File No. 180646). The ordinance aims to improve composting and recycling in large refuse-generating buildings in order to help the City achieve its waste reduction goals. The SFAA shares these conservation goals and would like to help its members achieve fully compliant composting, recycling and refuse separation in multi-family apartment buildings citywide.

Along with other members of the business community, the SFAA has met with the ordinance's sponsor, the Department of Environment, stakeholders and several members of the Board of Supervisors over the past four months in the hopes of amending the ordinance to design a refuse separation policy that is achievable, implementable, sustainable and workable for the apartment buildings, hotels, small businesses, city-owned-properties, office towers and hospitals it impacts.

The ordinance has not been amended to address any of the concerns from any of the diversity of industries and properties it would apply to.

The SFAA remains opposed to the ordinance unless the following issues are addressed:

- The ordinance ties refuse separation compliance to "the ability to process and market the materials," rather than setting forth a clearly defined refuse separation target, IE 95% of refuse separated accurately. This "moves the goalpost" for compliance standards on buildings undergoing audit and attempting to comply with refuse separation targets.
- The ordinance mandates that a large refuse generator hire or designate staff who must have the "exclusive function" of serving as a zero waste facilitator for a period of two years. Requiring a new position which exclusively facilitates zero waste represents an administrative and cost burden and does not adequately recognize or allow for the limited scope in which some buildings may need zero waste facilitators on a part time or limited basis in order to become compliant. And the ordinance mandates this new hire for a two year period even if the large refuse generator passes its audit and comes into compliance. Lastly, it clearly is out of touch

with the reality and difficulty of hiring for part-time or limited scope work in an increasingly unaffordable region. SFAA believes that large refuse generators should have the option of hiring or designating staff to separate waste as needed *in addition to* the employee's other roles or responsibilities, and that the employment should not be mandated by the city to last for a period of two years.

- The ordinance authorizes Department of Environment to assess fines of \$1,000/day for failing an audit even when a large refuse generator attempts in good faith to separate waste.
- Fourth, and SFAA's main objection to the proposed ordinance is that it does not acknowledge building residents' role in separating their waste, recycling and compostable goods. Instead, the ordinance targets the person whose name is on the garbage bill instead of the persons or people who are contaminating the waste stream. The city has been clear that in order to achieve its waste reduction goals, it will have to incentivize a behavioral shift amongst citizens towards composting and recycling separation. However, the ordinance attempts to compel a behavior shift without holding the actual users—a building's residents—responsible. SFAA believes the only way to drive a city-wide shift towards waste separation is if residents have "skin in the game," or an incentive to separate their waste. Authorizing a passthrough to building occupants for noncompliant waste separation would make the ordinance more impactful in meeting the City's waste reduction goals.

Thank you for considering the above changes to the ordinance.

Sincerely,

Charley Goss  
Government and Community Affairs Manager  
San Francisco Apartment Association  
415.255.2288 ext. 14

**Wong, Linda (BOS)**

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 13, 2018 7:33 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation  
**Attachments:** Refuse\_Separation\_Compliance\_SFMFB.pdf

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**From:** Meg Davidson <mdavidson@sfmfoodbank.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 12, 2018 3:46 PM  
**To:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>  
**Cc:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>  
**Subject:** REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation

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Good Afternoon,

Please find attached a letter from the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank regarding File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation. We appreciate your review of our concerns and look forward to your support at the Budget and Finance Committee meeting on Thursday.

Thank you,

**Meg Davidson**

Associate Director, Policy & Advocacy  
San Francisco-Marin Food Bank  
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## SF-MARIN FOOD BANK

November 12, 2018

The Honorable Ahsha Safai  
The Honorable Malia Cohen, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244

Re: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation

Dear Supervisor Safai and Chair Cohen,

The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, which provides nearly 48 million pounds of food to the charitable feeding network annually, has concerns as to how Supervisor Safai's Refuse Separation Compliance legislation (File #180646) may impact our ability to fight hunger in San Francisco. The Food Bank's mission and our current operating model already prevent millions of pounds of waste from going into landfill. The proposed legislation could be onerous and expensive for us and may jeopardize our ability to fulfil our mission.

The San Francisco-Marin Food Bank supports free food distribution at a network of over 540 food pantries, soup kitchens, and other non-profit partners. Our business model is centered around diverting usable food from the waste stream and redirecting it to our neighbors in need. We have a long-standing commitment to waste management best practices. We partner with the San Francisco Produce Terminal's Food Recovery Program, local businesses, and grocery stores to collect and redistribute food that would otherwise go to waste. Much of the food we cannot redistribute is repurposed as animal feed.

Through these efforts, last year we rescued:

- 460,000+ pounds from SF Produce Terminal
- 1.6 M pounds from grocery/retailers

We do not believe it is reasonable to require all LRGs deemed out of compliance to hire or assign waste facilitators. Requiring waste facilitators to be full-time and designated exclusively for refuse separation is not necessary or prudent in all cases and is unaffordable, especially for non-profit organizations like the Food Bank. Hiring or assigning waste facilitators should be at the discretion of the refuse account holder if they deem it is the best way for their property to be compliant.

We are confident that we can work with the City to establish reasonable and practical policies that enable all San Francisco industries to move more quickly towards our shared zero waste goals. We respectfully request that this legislation not be passed out of committee until all impacted LRGs have had the opportunity to weigh in.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Paul Ash', written in a cursive style.

Paul Ash, Executive Director

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisor, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed;  
Department of the Environment Director, Deborah Raphael; Office of Small Business Director,  
Regina Dick-Endrizzi

**Wong, Linda (BOS)**

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**From:** Dick-Endrizzi, Regina (ECN)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 31, 2018 12:41 AM  
**To:** Sandoval, Suhagey (BOS); Safai, Ahsha (BOS)  
**Cc:** Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** SBC Response to 180646  
**Attachments:** 180646\_SBClegislativeresponse\_Refuse Separation Compliance.pdf

Dear Supervisor Safai and Suha,

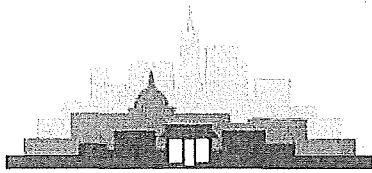
Attached is the Small Business Commission's response from the October 22 meeting regarding BOS 180646. I understand that this item is being heard at Budget and Finance on Thursday. I apologize but I am out of town and will not be able to attend. Suha if there you have any questions please feel free to contact me on my cell 415.902.4573.

Also I do what to encourage Supervisor Safai to contact Sam Mogannam of Bi-Brite 415.740-4603. Bi-Rite is a B-Corp and it is in their Corporation documents to be a zero waste company. Sam had trained his staff on the proper management of their refuse. He has noted that near to impossible to pass an audit. Recology is not informing as to what the failure was, their bin just get returned with a yellow tag on it. He has not passed 5 out of his 6 audits. Also his refuse is exposed to the public. He does not see how hiring a zero waste manager is going to get him any further along since this is already part of the company ethos and a requirement for their B-Corp standing. He said he would love to work with Dept. of Environment and Recology to work with them to on developing a better solution that what is in place now.

Thank you for taking the SBC recommendations into consideration.

**Regina Dick-Endrizzi | Executive Director | Office of Small Business**

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
LONDON N. BREED, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS  
REGINA DICK-ENDRIZZI, DIRECTOR

Oct 26, 2018

Ms. Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board  
City Hall Room 244  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

RE: Board of Supervisors File No. 180646-3 - Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance.

Dear Ms. Calvillo,

On October 22, 2018 the Small Business Commission (SBC) heard Board of Supervisors File No. 180646-3 - Environment Code - Refuse Separation Compliance. The SBC appreciates Supervisor Safai's desire to find solutions to accomplish San Francisco's zero waste goals. The SBC is not recommending "Disapproval" or "Approval" at this time as the Commission is not convinced that the legislation is addressing the problem in the right way but can be modified to do so. Therefore the SBC recommends Supervisor Safai and the Department of the Environment (DOE) need to 1) get more detailed data from Recology to do an assessment on the dirty waste streams and their top generators, and to develop solutions to get to the City's goals, 2) develop solutions that are responsive to businesses that are attempting and committed to meeting the standards but are challenged to do so, and 3) there should be a concerted effort to understand what are the problems for businesses that are following the standards but somehow are being thwarted between their actions and the actual outcome when the refuse is collected.

The Commission also noted that other possible considerations is to exclude food related business and nonprofits while DOE conducts an analysis to understand what are the problems for businesses that are working hard to achieve the standards but can't, or allow the business and the Director to jointly develop a plan together and let it be a joint decision on whether a zero waste facilitator is a necessary solution.

The SBC is concerned that neighborhood grocery stores (for example: Gus's Market, Bi-Rite, Rainbow Grocery) and restaurants are captured under the same definition of Large Refuse Generator as high-rises in the Financial District. Much of the conversation around the legislation has been focused on these large properties and not our neighborhood food businesses or non-profits. The SBC expressed its disappointment that the Department of the Environment (DOE) was not able to provide the data on what types of the Large Refuse Generators are not meeting their zero waste goals and why the current audit system is not producing the desired results. That it has to be more than businesses or property owners choosing to pay the fines instead of working to achieve their zero waste goals. The SBC noted that while it may be true that some large property owners may be able to afford the fines that not the case for the food businesses that operate on very thin margins.

One of the above neighborhood grocery stores is a B Corp<sup>1</sup> and is in their legal governing documents to achieve zero waste. They are working on it on daily basis and have trained their employees. Yet they

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<sup>1</sup> Certified B Corporations are businesses that meet the highest standards of verified social and environmental performance,

struggle to pass their audits and have not received clear direction from Recology on what contaminants are showing up in the refuse. In addition, neighborhood grocers and restaurants have to place their refuse on the street for pick up. This leaves the refuse vulnerable to contamination and Recology has not developed a tamper proof receptible.

It is unreasonable to require these businesses who will in all likelihood fail an audit (not by choice but by factors beyond their control), to be required to designate or hire a Zero Waste Facilitator<sup>2</sup> whose exclusive job is a Zero Waste Facilitator as it stipulates in the legislation under:

*Section 1906 (f) Zero Waste Facilitator Requirement. A Large Refuse Generator who fails an Audit under Section 1906(c) must, within 60 days of receipt of a Director's notice and order, and for a duration of a minimum of 24 consecutive months, designate staff or otherwise engage person(s) whose exclusive function is to serve as Zero Waste Facilitator(s). Such person(s) must meet minimum criteria, and be engaged at sufficient capacity to address the Audit findings.*

The Commission does agree with the Golden Gate Restaurant Association's proposed amendments:

1. Re-evaluate the 30-Cubic Yards to a higher yardage for the definition of a Large Refuse Generator so that it does not capture neighborhood serving grocers, restaurants and other ground floor businesses. In addition to clarifying if it weight or volume.
2. Section 1906 (e) Notice of Noncompliance and Order to Comply; first issue a warning and allow the business to work on remedial measures in consultation with Depart. of Environment before being required to have a designated zero waste coordinator.
3. Section 1906 (f) strike the words "must" and "whose exclusive function" (lines 23, 24 and 25 of page 6).
4. Extend operative date to January 1, 2020.

The Small Business Commission has supported and recommended the Board of Supervisors approve the Checkout Bag Ordinance, Polystyrene Foam Reduction Ordinance and the numerous Food Service and Packaging Waste Reduction Ordinances, including the most recent ordinance on the regarding the sale or use in the City of single use food service ware made with fluorinated chemicals and certain items made with plastic. As stated above the Commission is not convinced this legislation as drafted is addressing the problem in the right way with the one single tool of a zero waste coordinator to correct the problem.

Thank you for your consideration and please feel free to contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Regina Dick-Endrizzi  
Director, Office of Small Business

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public transparency, and legal accountability to balance profit and purpose. <https://bcorporation.net/>

<sup>2</sup> Definition: "Zero Waste Facilitator" (ZWF) means a person or entity serving exclusively in the business of and with demonstrated capacity to manage refuse materials within a given property, including material sorting and transfer, and who meets criteria a not yet specified in regulations developed by the Director.



cc: Supervisor Ahsha Safai  
Kanishka Karunaratne Cheng, Mayor's Liaison to the Board of Supervisors  
Debbie Rafael, Director, Department of the Environment  
Lisa Pagan, Office of Economic and Workforce Development  
Linda Wong, Clerk of Budget and Finance Committee

## Wong, Linda (BOS)

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**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 10:39 AM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation  
**Attachments:** Letter RE Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation 20181022a.pdf

**From:** Michael Janis <mjanis@sfproduce.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 22, 2018 10:27 AM  
**To:** Breed, London (MYR) <london.breed@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>  
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**Subject:** Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation

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**To:** The Honorable London Breed, Mayor  
The Honorable Supervisor Malia Cohen, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
The Honorable Supervisor Ahsha Safai  
San Francisco Office of the Mayor  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Please see the attached letter regarding the Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation. Thank you.

Sincerely,

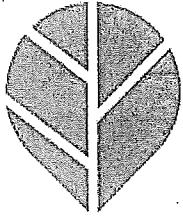
Michael Janis

*Wow, Our Food Recovery program and relationship with San Francisco's Department of the Environment is highlighted*  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3EZPH92BQ6w>

*Ck out coverage of our Brand launch-* [www.thepacker.com/article/san-francisco-wholesale-produce-market-rebrands](http://www.thepacker.com/article/san-francisco-wholesale-produce-market-rebrands)

### San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market

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October 22, 2018

The Honorable London Breed, Mayor  
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The Honorable Supervisor Ahsha Safai  
San Francisco Office of the Mayor  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation

Dear Mayor Breed, Chair Cohen, and Supervisor Safai,

The San Francisco Wholesale Produce Market, San Francisco's nonprofit wholesale marketplace connecting growers to food businesses throughout the region, has concerns as to how Supervisor Safai's Refuse Separation Compliance legislation (File #180646) may impact our individual merchants and The SF Market as a whole.

As you may know, The SF Market was created in 1963 when the City relocated independent produce merchants from downtown San Francisco and built a shared facility in Bayview Hunters Point. Thirty produce wholesalers and distributors provide the food infrastructure and programs that feed the Bay Area and its \$113 billion food economy. Hundreds of food-centered companies shop our streets each night, loading trucks with local produce destined for local markets, caterers and restaurants. The SF Market is a key PDR employer: our merchants employ over 850 people, many from our neighborhood and city.

We have a long-standing commitment to waste management best practices. We are proud that the City piloted its compost collection program at The SF Market in 1996. Our Food Recovery Program feeds the hungry while continuing our long tradition of diverting food from going into the waste stream. With support from the Department of the Environment's Zero Waste Grant Program, we and our merchants have recovered over 1 million pounds of healthy food, which our 20 community partners turned into healthy meals for the needy. Through SF Market's Food Recovery Program:

- 1,243,276 pounds of produce have been saved since 2016
- 1,036,063 meals have been provided by our partners
- 1,243 cubic yards have been diverted from the waste stream



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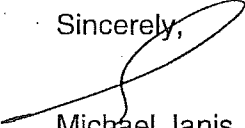
The SF Market regularly partners with Recology in education and enforcement for proper sorting practices and to minimize what is added to our landfills. Our relationship with Recology is excellent and we are able to problem-solve with them to quickly correct waste-sorting deficiencies. Our concern with this legislation is that, rather than furthering our partnership with Recology and the City to help achieve zero waste goals through facilitation and incentives, we will be penalized if we don't pass an audit; we may even be required to hire full-time staff as exclusive waste facilitators for two years, regardless of whether that is the best course of action or consideration of financial impact.

Each merchant at The SF Market has its own account with Recology for waste management. Some of our merchants generate more than 30 cubic yards/week and so would be considered a Large Refuse Generator (LRG) now, even though some are small businesses. In the future the Market will move to a centralized system for all waste management and will certainly fit the LRG definition. We therefore have concerns that our individual businesses and The SF Market as a whole could face challenging hiring requirements should we inadvertently fail an audit.

Refuse separation compliance should continue to focus on outreach and education and use of existing penalties to ensure that those not meeting zero waste goals are aware of their lack of compliance, instructed on how to comply, and given time and opportunity to do so before hiring requirements kick in.

Due to these concerns, The SF Market requests that this legislation not be passed out of committee, and that we be given more opportunities to work with our city partners on policies that will continue our collective march toward meeting zero waste goals.

Sincerely,



Michael Janis  
General Manager

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Department of the Environment Director Deborah Raphael; Office of Small Business Director Regina Dick-Endrizzi

## Wong, Linda (BOS)

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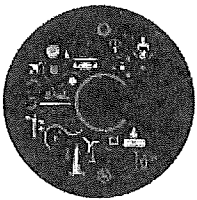
**From:** Board of Supervisors, (BOS)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 27, 2018 8:15 AM  
**To:** Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: File 180646 Refuse Separation Compliance Ord.  
**Attachments:** 11.26.18\_OPPOSE File No. 180646.pdf

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**From:** Jim Lazarus <jlazarus@sfchamber.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, November 26, 2018 3:48 PM  
**To:** Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <ahsha.safai@sfgov.org>; Cohen, Malia (BOS) <malia.cohen@sfgov.org>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <sandra.fewer@sfgov.org>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <catherine.stefani@sfgov.org>  
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**Subject:** File 180646 Refuse Separation Compliance Ord.

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Attached is a letter, outlining our concerns about the pending Refuse Separation Compliance legislation that is pending in the Budget and Finance Committee. We ask that this legislation not be moved forward from committee until greater outreach is undertaken to the hundreds of impacted businesses and serious consideration is given to the many amendments that have been suggested by the Chamber and various stakeholders.



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November 26, 2018

Board of Supervisors  
Attn: Supervisors Safai, Cohen, Fewer, and Stefanie  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
City Hall, Room 244  
San Francisco, Ca. 94102-4689

**Re: SF Chamber Response, #180646 As Amended, Refuse Separation Compliance**

Dear Supervisors Safai, Cohen, Fewer, and Stefanie,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce has reviewed the most recent amended draft of the Refuse Separation Compliance legislation (#180646) that is coming back to Budget and Finance on Thursday, Nov. 29th. We continue to have concerns about the legislation and its impacts on many of our members and partners. For example:

- The Large Refuse Generator (LRG) list has just been made public, so many LRGs have no idea that they are on the list, or even aware of the legislation.
- We would like to know how the list was compiled and what outreach has been conducted to those on the list. The legislation should be slowed down until the 400+ LRGs on the list can be contacted and made aware of the legislation, their presence on the list, why they are on the list, and when the legislation will be heard so they can attend the hearing.
- If the DOE has identified 32 so-called "bad actors" who routinely fail waste audits, why will over 400 businesses and properties be subject to this ordinance? Why propose new, punitive measures on so many businesses and properties when less than 10% fail to meet compliance thresholds?
- The amendments are insufficient to mitigate the negative impacts the mandatory hire and \$1,000/day penalties would cause. In fact, the amendments do absolutely nothing to mitigate those impacts. According to the LRG list, many small businesses and nonprofits are still subject to these requirements. In addition, government buildings and agencies that the City has no jurisdiction over are also on the list.
- There should be more time, warnings and incentives given to LRGs that fail audits to help them succeed in getting to zero waste goals. Requiring them to hire zero waste facilitators and/or pay steep penalties for audit failures will be extremely burdensome for many businesses, especially small businesses like neighborhood restaurants, and nonprofits like the Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.
- On behalf of our Chamber members and partners who appear on the LRG list, we ask that you do not send this matter to the full Board for a vote unless and until those who appear on the list are notified of the legislation, that they are on the list and why, and that they have sufficient notice of a hearing in order to give feedback on the legislation and speak at the hearing if they so choose.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Lazarus", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jim Lazarus  
Interim Executive Director  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

cc: Clerk of the Board, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed; Andres Powers, Office of the Mayor of San Francisco; Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment; Jack Macy, Department of the Environment

## Wong, Linda (BOS)

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**From:** Mchugh, Eileen (BOS)  
**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 5:20 PM  
**To:** Somera, Alisa (BOS); Wong, Linda (BOS)  
**Subject:** FW: SF Letter re: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation  
**Attachments:** 9.21.18 REQUEST TO CONTINUE\_File 180646, Refuse Separation .pdf

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**From:** Mary Young <[myoung@sfchamber.com](mailto:myoung@sfchamber.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, September 21, 2018 9:45 AM

**To:** Cohen, Malia (BOS) <[malia.cohen@sfgov.org](mailto:malia.cohen@sfgov.org)>; Safai, Ahsha (BOS) <[ahsha.safai@sfgov.org](mailto:ahsha.safai@sfgov.org)>

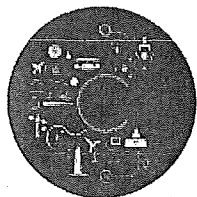
**Cc:** Calvillo, Angela (BOS) <[angela.calvillo@sfgov.org](mailto:angela.calvillo@sfgov.org)>; Fewer, Sandra (BOS) <[sandra.fewer@sfgov.org](mailto:sandra.fewer@sfgov.org)>; Stefani, Catherine (BOS) <[catherine.stefani@sfgov.org](mailto:catherine.stefani@sfgov.org)>; Peskin, Aaron (BOS) <[aaron.peskin@sfgov.org](mailto:aaron.peskin@sfgov.org)>; Tang, Katy (BOS) <[katy.tang@sfgov.org](mailto:katy.tang@sfgov.org)>; Brown, Vallie (BOS) <[vallie.brown@sfgov.org](mailto:vallie.brown@sfgov.org)>; Kim, Jane (BOS) <[jane.kim@sfgov.org](mailto:jane.kim@sfgov.org)>; Yee, Norman (BOS) <[norman.yee@sfgov.org](mailto:norman.yee@sfgov.org)>; Ronen, Hillary <[hillary.ronen@sfgov.org](mailto:hillary.ronen@sfgov.org)>; Mandelman, Rafael (BOS) <[rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org](mailto:rafael.mandelman@sfgov.org)>; Mayor London Breed (MYR) <[mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org](mailto:mayorlondonbreed@sfgov.org)>; Power, Andres (MYR) <[andres.power@sfgov.org](mailto:andres.power@sfgov.org)>; Raphael, Deborah (ENV) <[deborah.raaphael@sfgov.org](mailto:deborah.raaphael@sfgov.org)>

**Subject:** SF Letter re: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation

Dear Supervisor Safai and Chair Cohen,

Please see attached letter from the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, regarding File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation.

Thank you,



**Mary Young**

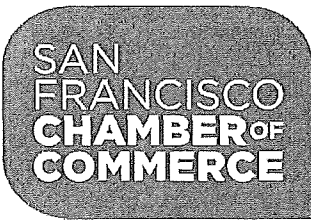
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September 21, 2018

The Honorable Ahsha Safai  
The Honorable Malia Cohen, Chair, Budget and Finance Committee  
San Francisco Board of Supervisors  
San Francisco City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244  
San Francisco, CA 94102

**RE: REQUEST TO CONTINUE: File #180646, Refuse Separation Compliance Legislation**

Dear Supervisor Safai and Chair Cohen,

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing the interests of thousands of local businesses, has concerns regarding Supervisor Safai's Refuse Separation Compliance legislation (File #180646) coming to the Budget and Finance Committee. We appreciate your amendments thus far, including moving the operative date to July 1, 2019. The Chamber and our partners request the legislation be continued so that we can again bring stakeholders to the table to work out additional details of the refuse separation regulations with you and the Department of the Environment.

The legislation is laudable in its intent to help the city meet its Zero Waste Goals. We understand the importance of disposing refuse properly so that compostable and recyclable waste that may be marketable doesn't end up in landfill. But this legislation attempts to apply a specific set of regulations to Large Refuse Generators (LRGs) in multiple, diverse industries that have little if anything in common with each other. It applies the same regulatory requirements to businesses that generate entirely different types of waste, via different waste streams, from different sources, managed by different systems. The one-size-fits-all regulations in this measure would apply to LRGs in the following industries (among others):

- Commercial Office Buildings (with multiple tenants)
- Hospitals
- Hotels
- Universities
- Residential Apartment Buildings (with multiple tenants)
- Food Service Providers
- Sports Arenas
- Convention Centers (like Moscone Center)
- Shopping Malls
- Manufacturers
- Non-profit Service Providers
- City Departments



It is not realistic to expect or require LRGs in each of these industries to adhere to identical waste separation requirements. Some, like hospitals, must adhere to regulations set out by the state. Convention centers like Moscone Center have extreme space and time constraints for refuse separation before, during and after large events. Commercial office buildings, residential apartment buildings and shopping malls have hundreds of tenants; hotels have temporary occupants who stay for one night or much longer. Universities have classrooms, administrative offices, dorms and other types of student and faculty residences. It is unworkable to place the same compliance requirements on such diverse waste generators.

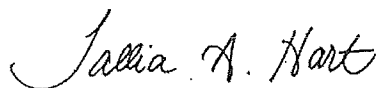
Nor is it reasonable to require all LRGs deemed out of compliance to hire or assign waste facilitators. In some cases there will be other, more effective and cost-efficient solutions to resolving compliance issues. Requiring waste facilitators to be full-time and designated exclusively for refuse separation is not necessary or prudent in all cases and may be unaffordable, especially for non-profit organizations. Hiring or assigning waste facilitators - full or part-time - should be at the discretion of the refuse account holder if they deem it is the best way for their property to come into compliance.

Language regarding benchmarks or standards that LRGs must meet to be in compliance with the ordinance is very vague. It does not incorporate clear data that LRGs can use to determine their degree of compliance or even the justification for it. It would be virtually impossible for all LRGs to know and comply with these requirements as written, especially given that refuse separation instructions often change as we learn more about environmental contaminants. For example, what we do with milk cartons today is not what we did with them a year ago. The marketability of refuse changes with some frequency yet there is insufficient flexibility in the legislation to reflect that fact. San Francisco businesses should not be penalized for failing to comply with separation requirements based on refuse marketability conditions at any given time.

Refuse separation compliance should focus on outreach and education to ensure that the entity or individual doing the contaminating (including commercial or residential tenants) is aware of their lack of compliance, is instructed on how to comply, and given time, opportunity and incentive to do so before penalties are assessed and accrue.

Due to these concerns, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce requests that this legislation not be passed out of committee until all industries in the city with LRGs have had the opportunity to weigh in. We are confident that we can partner with the City to establish reasonable and practical policies that enable all San Francisco industries to move more quickly towards zero waste goals.

Sincerely,



Tallia A. Hart  
President & CEO  
San Francisco Chamber of Commerce

cc: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, to be distributed to all Supervisors; Mayor London Breed;  
Department of the Environment Director Deborah Raphael

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director  
**Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448**

FROM:  Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: November 8, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Budget and Finance Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Budget and Finance Committee has received the following amended legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

**File No. 180646-4**

**Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every three years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements; to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators found noncompliant; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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RESPONSE FROM SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION - Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ No Comment

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation Attached

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment  
Greg Wagner, Acting Director, Department of Public Health  
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works  
Vincent C. Matthews, Ed.D., Superintendent, San Francisco Unified  
School District

FROM:  Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: November 8, 2018

SUBJECT: AMENDED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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c: Peter Gallotta, Department of the Environment  
Charles Sheehan, Department of the Environment  
Naveena Bobba, Department of Public Health  
Sneha Patil, Department of Public Health  
David Steinberg, Public Works  
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September 19, 2018

File No. 180646-3

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

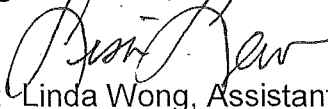
On September 17, 2018, Supervisor Safai amended the following proposed legislation:

**File No. 180646-3**

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This amended legislation is being transmitted to you for environmental review.

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

*For* By:   
Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

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# MEMORANDUM

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Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448

FROM: *ll* Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: September 19, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Budget and Finance Committee

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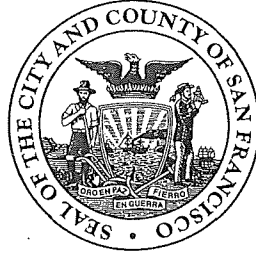
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment  
Greg Wagner, Acting Director, Department of Public Health  
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works

FROM: *ll*  
*bw* Linda Wong, Assistant Clerk  
Budget and Finance Committee

DATE: September 19, 2018

SUBJECT: AMENDED LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment  
Greg Wagner, Acting Director, Department of Public Health  
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: September 14, 2018

SUBJECT: SUBSTITUTE LEGISLATION

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The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following substitute legislation, introduced by Supervisor Safai on September 11, 2018:

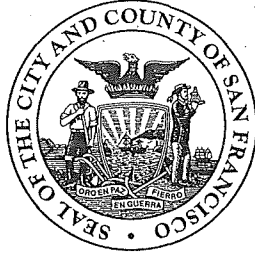
**File No. 180646-2**

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# MEMORANDUM

TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director  
**Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448**

FROM: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

DATE: September 14, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Land Use and Transportation Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

**File No. 180646-2**

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September 14, 2018

File No. 180646

Lisa Gibson  
Environmental Review Officer  
Planning Department  
1650 Mission Street, Ste. 400  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Gibson:

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**File No. 180646**

**Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every 30 months of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements; to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators found noncompliant; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erica Major".

By: Erica Major, Assistant Clerk  
Land Use and Transportation Committee

Attachment

c: Joy Navarrete, Environmental Planning  
Laura Lynch, Environmental Planning

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Regina Dick-Endrizzi, Director  
Small Business Commission, City Hall, Room 448

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk, Public Safety and Neighborhood Services  
Committee, Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 19, 2018

SUBJECT: REFERRAL FROM BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee

The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following legislation, which is being referred to the Small Business Commission for comment and recommendation. The Commission may provide any response it deems appropriate within 12 days from the date of this referral.

File No. 180646

**Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every two years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements, and to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators that have been noncompliant for nine or more consecutive months; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.**

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No Comment

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**Carroll, John (BOS)**

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**From:** Mchugh, Eileen (BOS)  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 19, 2018 1:05 PM  
**To:** BOS-Supervisors; BOS-Legislative Aides; Calvillo, Angela (BOS); Somera, Alisa (BOS); Nevin, Peggy (BOS); Carroll, John (BOS); Major, Erica (BOS)  
**Subject:** Presidential Action Memo - Transferring File No. 180646  
**Attachments:** PA Memo - Transferring File No.180646.pdf  
**Categories:** 180646

Dear Supervisors:

Please be advised that a Presidential Action Memo was received transferring File No.180646 from the **Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee** to the **Land Use and Transportation Committee**.

**File No 180646** - Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every two years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements, and to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators that have been noncompliant for nine or more consecutive months; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Regards,

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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Deborah Raphael, Director, Department of the Environment  
Barbara Garcia, Director, Department of Public Health  
Mohammed Nuru, Director, Public Works

FROM: John Carroll, Assistant Clerk,  
Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee,  
Board of Supervisors

DATE: June 19, 2018

SUBJECT: LEGISLATION INTRODUCED

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The Board of Supervisors' Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee has received the following proposed legislation, introduced by Supervisor Safaí on June 12, 2018:

**File No. 180646**

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- 8. Substitute Legislation File No. [ 180646 ]
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Please check the appropriate boxes. The proposed legislation should be forwarded to the following:

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- Ethics Commission
- Planning Commission
- Building Inspection Commission

**Note: For the Imperative Agenda (a resolution not on the printed agenda), use the Imperative Form.**

Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

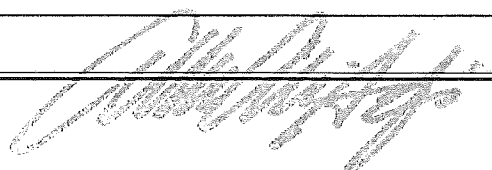
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Environment Code -- Refuse Separation Compliance

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every thirty months of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse separation requirements; to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators found noncompliant; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor: [ ]



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Sponsor(s):

Supervisor Ahsha Safai

Subject:

Environment Code -- Refuse Separation Compliance

The text is listed:

Ordinance amending the Environment Code to require audits every two years of large refuse generators for compliance with refuse with refuse separation requirements, and to establish enforcement measures applicable to large refuse generators that have been noncompliant for nine or more consecutive months; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Signature of Sponsoring Supervisor:

