



# CITY OF HOUSTON

Office of Mayor Sylvester Turner

## Interoffice

Correspondence

To: Houston City Councilmembers

From: Office of the Mayor

Date: March 11, 2016

Subject: Recycling Services Contract & Waste Management

On yesterday, I reached an agreement to terms more favorable to the City of Houston with Waste Management of Texas concerning our recycling processing services. A breakdown of the more favorable terms is as follows:

1. All curbside single stream materials collected by the City and delivered to WM will incur a \$90 per ton processing fee; this is a \$14.00 per ton reduction from the previous offer.
2. The previous Waste Management offer of three (3) years was for \$7.6 million over two (2) years and \$11.5 million for the three (3) year term. The newly forged agreement saves the City more than \$900K per year and \$2.0 million over the two year period.
3. The City will commit 75% of its total curbside single stream materials collected to WM. This is a departure from the 100% offer previously made by Waste Management. This change provides much needed logistical relief to the city's collection crews in the Kingwood and East End Areas.
4. Glass will no longer be accepted. This change is mutually beneficial as blended glass is basically valueless in the single stream environment, costing both parties more. The city will collect glass more effectively at the city's neighborhood recycling centers.
5. The term of the contract is for two (2) years, ending March 2018.

I appreciate the support received from Waste Management to support the City's recycling program and efforts. Both Houston and its hometown company, Waste Management, are very green, supportive of sustainability and committed to responsible resource management.

The updated and acceptable terms will be on the March 23, 2016 agenda for your supportive vote.

Respectfully,

Sylvester Turner  
Mayor

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