

SPECIAL MEETING

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Sent: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 2:30 PM

To: Adrienne Richardson <Adrienne.Richardson@cityoftracy.org>; Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>

Subject: Compost meeting tonight

Good evening Mayor Young and Council members I am here to talk about the expansion of the Yard Waste compost program. Looking at the documents provided with the agenda it appears that we are referring to the additional stream of waste going to our yard waste container as food waste instead of organic waste. Organic waste is defined, by the legislation that was the catalyst for this waste change, as food scraps, yard waste, paper products and cardboard. So a paper plate along with the food on it would be composted or the pizza and the cardboard box it came in would be composted. Even the visual provided for this program only uses food waste for this stream. If we plan to hit the metrics of the reduction of our carbon footprint required by the legislation we need to understand what organic means. Also there is typically a carrot and a stick approach to motivate a person to actually sort their waste. The carrot typically is a reduction of landfill waste therefore a cheaper receptacle as well as only needing pickup every other week thereby reducing cost to the consumer. But the assumptions used in the documents provided assume that landfill waste will still be needing a weekly pickup. If you're diverting waste to the yard waste container that previously was going into the landfill waste container then the yard waste container would be the weekly pickup and the landfill would be the every other week pickup thereby no extra cost would be seen by the consumer. The cost increases are in my opinion based on these assumptions and as a member of this community on a fixed income doubling the cost of waste management by the year 2025 is a pill to big to swallow. Therefore, I ask you to seriously push back at these assumptions and rate hikes. I'd like you to consider obtain another company(s) to bid on our cities waste management contract.

From: Karen Moore [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@cityoftracy.org>
Subject: Composting organic waste

I was pleased to read tonight's agenda on increasing the waste captured in the yard waste bin and decreasing the waste in the garbage bin. Anything that was once alive can be composted. That includes the pizza box and the left over pizza.

The state's website regarding communication of compost program: Most of the material that used to go in the trash, can now be composted including paper take-out containers, paper coffee cups, used napkins, used tissues, used paper towels, paper milk cartons, left-over food, and compostable plastics. Remember composting is not just for food scraps but also for soiled paper and paper food packaging- think coffee cups, napkins, and to-go boxes!

I am happy that Tracy plans to begin expanding what we send to be composted.