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Good Morning Chad,

My husband and I have read through the proposal and there are several reasons for us to oppose it as it currently stands.

First and foremost, we live on a 2.2 acre property in the Woodside Ranch development and we have a large amount of yard waste. We fill our 12 foot trailer about 5-6 times a year (during spring, summer, and fall). We take this to Knott Landfill and take advantage of the bi-annual "free" periods to clear our debris at literally no cost to us. If there is a cost it has been no more than about +/- to \$20/year.

Secondly, it's hard to envision putting 6 x 12 ft. trailer loads of debris into a bi-weekly bin, in fact it would be impossible considering the large amounts of brush and tree limbs that we dispose of annually. We would not be doing this during the winter months, especially in snow; as I said we avail ourselves of the "free" periods that Knott offers. So not only do we have debris that wouldn't fit into a bin, but there are at least 3-4 months when yardwork ceases and the bins would be empty... that could amount to a loss of \$30-\$40 for us annually. We don't like paying for things we don't use!

Additionally, for glassware that is recyclable we do this ourselves at a net gain. We take glass containers that offer a return deposit to Bottle Drop where we get \$\$ into our account. We can use these \$\$ to purchase groceries at participating markets. We take the rest to Knott Recycling Center. This is a net gain for us. (Also, other cities typically include glass recycling in their recycling service - our experience in WA state).

So, it is hard to accept that we will be paying \$120.00 additional per year for services we do not need that are not essential (as trash is).

We would like to request that this be an opt-in service rather than a mandatory rate increase for services we would not use.

It makes no sense to us and I'm sure it doesn't make sense for the many of the residents who live on large parcels such as ours (or even larger).

It does make sense for the more densely designed developments.

Respectfully,
Marilyn Hofmann-Jones and Steve Jones