



Bureau of Planning and Sustainability
Innovation. Collaboration. Practical Solutions.

Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission

Katherine Schultz, Chair

André Baugh, Vice Chair

Jeff Bachrach

Ben Bortolazzo

Mike Houck

Katie Larsell

Chris Smith, Vice Chair

Andrés Oswill

Michelle Rudd

Eli Spevak

Teresa St Martin

April 12, 2018

Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners
Portland City Hall
1211 SW 4th Avenue
Portland, OR 97204

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

The Planning and Sustainability Commission (PSC) unanimously supports the adoption of the proposed residential solid waste, recycling and composting rates being considered on April 18, 2018.

The PSC conducted a public hearing on this subject on April 10, 2018, and voted unanimously (9-0) in favor of the staff recommendation. We received presentations regarding the financial reporting provided by haulers, the review of those reports by a certified public accountant, and additional rate factors monitored by BPS. We find the rate review process to be thorough and sound. While we know that any rate increase impacts customers, we agree that the proposed rate increase of \$2.55 for most customers is fair and reasonable.

We understand the value of recycling and support efforts to provide Portlanders with world-class opportunities to reduce, reuse and recycle. We encourage the City to continue to work with Oregon DEQ, Metro, recycling facilities and garbage and recycling companies to identify new markets for recyclable materials and ways to mitigate recycling cost impacts for customers in the future.

We look forward to working with BPS to discuss issues relating to the City's solid waste, recycling and composting programs.

Sincerely,

Michelle Rudd
Vice Chair



City of Portland, Oregon | Bureau of Planning and Sustainability | www.portlandoregon.gov/bps
1900 SW 4th Avenue, Suite 7100, Portland, OR 97201 | phone: 503-823-7700 | fax: 503-823-7800 | tty: 503-823-6868

Printed on 100% post-consumer waste recycled paper.