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May 10, 2021 Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners Portland City Hall 1211 SW 4th Avenue Portland, OR 97204

RE: Support for Residential Solid Waste, Recycling and Composting Rates

Mayor Wheeler and Commissioners:

The PSC unanimously supports the adoption of the proposed residential solid waste, recycling and composting rates under consideration on May 19, 2021.

The PSC conducted a public hearing on this subject on May 4, 2021. The PSC 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.

BPS is proposing a rate increase of \$1.40 per month for the most popular service level, the 35-gallon roll cart collected every two weeks. While we know that any rate increase impacts customers, we agree that BPS' proposed rates are fair and reasonable.

Sincerely,

Eli Spevak Chair



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