

Testimony to Portland City Council
Review and Renewal of Franchise System
July 25, 2012

Good Morning Mayor Adams and Council Members. My name is Dave White. I am regional representative for the Oregon Refuse and Recycling Association. In that position, I represent the Tri-County Council which is the local industry association that represents the city's franchised residential collection companies.

I have brief comments on behalf of the Tri-County Council regarding the franchise review resolution before you today.

Portland Haulers have a decades-long tradition of commitment to providing excellent collection service to the residents of the city. They are proud that their customers have historically rated the solid waste, recycling and yard debris collection service they receive as among the best city programs and services.

When the City Council decided to implement a new residential collection program, the Portland haulers assisted city staff with the pilot study and then worked hard to implement the program as efficiently and conveniently for our customers as possible. They are still working with staff and customers to assure the success of the new program.

By approving the resolution before you today, the city begins the periodic review of the franchise system and evaluates its effectiveness in meeting city goals. We believe that this partnership between the city and its franchised haulers is a cost-effective and efficient system for providing solid waste, recycling and composting collection service.

We look forward to working with city staff, PURB and the City Council on the review process. We ask for your support of this resolution.

Thank you and I am happy to answer any questions.