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May 10, 2017

Mayor Wheeler and Portland City Commissioners  
Portland City Hall  
1211 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Portland, OR 97204

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

Mayor Wheeler and City Commissioners:

The PSC unanimously supports the adoption of the proposed residential solid waste, recycling and composting rates being considered on May 18, 2017.

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 and the proposed rates to be fair and reasonable. We recommend a slight rate increase (the first in five years) of ten cents per month for most Portland customers.

We also would like to bring to Council's attention that the mid-term review of the residential solid waste franchise system will be initiated this summer. We encourage the City to investigate options for incorporating greater participation from women- and minority-owned firms and increasing participation of women and minority workers from Portland 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,

Katherine Schultz, AIA  
Chair



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