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DEAR ASSEMBLY MEMBERS & MAYOR MARK JENSEN,

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT THE CITY IS CONSIDERING SPENDING ALMOST \$300,000 TO FIX SOMETHING THAT IS NOT BROKEN & WORKS VERY WELL.

I AM OPPOSED TO CHANGING OUR RE-CYCLING PROGRAM WHEN I AM VERY HAPPY WITH RUGERS TRUCKING & THE JOB THEY DO. HERE ARE SOME POINTS TO CONSIDER:

- 1) SHOULD THE CITY BE SPENDING SO MUCH MONEY IN THESE ECONOMIC TIMES? - NO
- 2) CAN THE CITY REALLY PICK UP ALL THE 96 GALLON CANS & ALL THE COMMERCIAL CARDBOARD WITHOUT HIRING ANOTHER EMPLOYEE AT SOME POINT? - NO
- 3) WHERE AM I GOING TO PUT MY 96 GALLON CAN? AM I GOING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT LUGGING THAT THING UP TO THE HIGHWAY? I KNOW I WILL RECYCLE LESS JUST BECAUSE OF THE WEIGHT & THE INCONVENIENCE.
- 4) WHAT ABOUT THE EXTRA OPERATING COSTS - WAGES, TRUCK MAINTENANCE FUEL, INSURANCE? HOW MUCH MORE WILL THAT ADD TO THE COSTS?
- 5) RUGERS DOES A TERRIFIC JOB PICKING UP MY COMMERCIAL CARDBOARD, WITH THEIR OWN TRUCK THAT COSTS THEM WAY LESS THAN THE CITY WOULD SPEND.
- 6) WHY SHOULD WE HAVE MORE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT WHEN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE CAN DO THE JOB FOR LESS COSTS & MORE EFFICIENTLY?
- 7) ONCE THE INSIDE OF THE BLUE CAN GETS WET, (WHICH IT WILL) HOW DO YOU KEEP PAPER, MAGAZINES, CARDBOARD DRY SO YOU CAN RECYCLE THEM? ONCE THEY ARE WET, YOU CAN NO LONGER RECYCLE THIS PRODUCT.
- 8) IF YOU NEED TO MAKE MONEY, THEN RAISE THE 2% INCREASE TO 4% OR 5%. THIS MIGHT ENCOURAGE MORE PEOPLE TO RECYCLE.

THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE MY OPINION.

I APPRECIATE IT,

LINDA HERFF