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Let's trim the waste!

Hi Neighbor!

My name is Art Stigile, and I live at 312 W Edmonston Dr. I need your help!

If you would like to continue the trash pilot and save \$100 per year on your trash bill, please sign and return the petition on the back. Unless we act quickly, the City will soon convert us back to twice-weekly service, with all of its negative aspects.

On July 2nd, Council members Marcuccio, Robbins, and Dorsey voted to end the trash pilot and provide twice-weekly trash service City-wide. They took this action despite the overwhelming success of the pilot in our community and our intense efforts over the past 5 months by email and at Citizens Forum to convince them to approve a once-weekly option.

They didn't have to do this. At the same July 2nd meeting, Council member Susan Hoffmann proposed a once-weekly option with a \$100 annual price discount, reflecting the Staff's estimate of the cost savings. I thought our hard work was finally about to pay off. But no! Like the old Pharaoh, Council members Marcuccio, Robbins, and Dorsey hardened their hearts and refused to compromise. They voted down Hoffmann's proposal and ordered twice-weekly service for everyone. Then to add insult to injury, they voted to stop the pilot in our neighborhood!

I still can't believe that these three Council members would dismiss the clear sentiments of our community and take such a senseless step backwards. The City assigned us the task of trying out the new trash system. We fulfilled our responsibility with seriousness, perseverance, and good humor. An incredibly large number of us (48%) responded to the September 2006 survey. The results were overwhelmingly positive. We said it worked! Yet these three Council members repeatedly questioned the validity of the survey and dismissed our views.

The Council is in the midst of its summer vacation. The Majority clearly hopes the summer break will take the wind out of our sails, and we will resign ourselves to paying for twice weekly service. I think we need to show them that we are serious about the once-weekly option.

So I'm asking for your help, just as I did last March. I'm asking you to sign and return the petition on the back of this letter. The petition requires the City Council to reinstate the pilot in our community and to reduce our annual trash fee by \$100, to reflect the lower cost. To the extent necessary, the reduction in trash revenue would be offset by increasing the trash fee for twice-weekly trash pick-up by not more 50 cents per month.

You can drop off the petition at my house, or you can fold and send it by regular mail to my home address, which is preprinted. Or, a faster and easier way is to send me an email (**rocktrash@comcast.net**) containing the exact words of the petition. I plan to deliver the petition and signatures in September.

Warmest Regards,
Art Stigile
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Petition to Rockville City Council

I, _____ (18 years or older) am a resident of the City of Rockville, MD.

I disagree strongly with the decision made on July 2, 2007, by Council members Marcuccio, Robbins, and Dorsey to terminate the Refuse and Recycling Pilot. The Pilot proved highly successful, receiving extremely high ratings from participants as a sanitary, environmentally responsible, consumer-friendly, and less costly service. It is in the best interests of Rockville to continue to experiment with this alternative to twice-weekly trash service.

I therefore join with my neighbors and petition the Rockville City Council to:

1. immediately reinstate the Pilot in the Hungerford and Monument Park communities and to reduce the annual trash fee charged to residents in the Pilot by \$100 to reflect the lower cost of once-weekly service; and
2. offset the reduction in trash revenue by increasing the trash fee for twice-weekly trash pick-up by not more than 50 cents per month.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

email (optional): _____

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