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RE: August 11 Council Agenda / Item 22. 09-0817

Dear Mayor and City Council Members:

If I may introduce myself, I am Ron Saldana, Executive Director of the Los Angeles County Disposal Association. LACDA is a trade association representing waste haulers throughout L.A. County and Southern California.

With respect to **Item 22** on the August 11 Council Agenda, I would submit the following for your consideration:

That the waste hauler contract term be for seven (7) years, however, at the end of each year, each City hauler be reviewed for compliance to City requirements, and if in compliance, then another year be added to the contract.

This maintains the contract period between six and seven years, allows for an annual hauler review to insure City compliance, and eliminates a major review requirement at the end of the seven year period. Many Southern California municipalities have adopted this type of agreement with their haulers. From an economic standpoint this gives the haulers the opportunity to amortize their equipment, including alternative fuel vehicles, for a longer period of time – and this results in lower rates to customers.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Ron Saldana, Executive Director