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Hello, my name is Whitney. I'm a resident of District 7 and organizer with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. I ask that ESB explore organics recycling at multiple scales or levels that includes micro-composting or community-scale composting. Composting at the community level ensures a closed loop system where the compost can remain local to be used by local community gardens or residents and will reduce greenhouse gas emissions from refuse trucks traveling long distances. There are also examples across the state and country of schools composting organics on site that not only serves as an educational opportunity for students to learn how to compost but also reduces collection costs.

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Hello, my name is Whitney. I'm a resident of District 7 and organizer with East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice. We need to continue to pass policies that will drive waste reduction by eliminating products from the waste stream that can't be recycled or composted in order to drive down contamination rates. The ban on expanded polystyrene was a great start, but we can go further to eliminate our consumption of plastic. Plastic, at all stages of its life cycle, is harmful to our environment, our communities who are living next to oil & gas extraction or incinerators, and to our bodies. We need to start investing in systems where reusables come first, followed by sustainable alternatives that can be recycled or composted.