

May 3, 2017

Department of Public Works
Recology Rate Hearing Board
Director of Public Works
Director Mohammed Nuru

Dear Director Nuru:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am the HOA President of an 82 unit condominium building on Lansing Street, near the corner of 1st. and Harrison in the South Beach area.

I appreciate the hard work that the men and women of Recology perform on my behalf, yet I must object to the proposed rate increases. They are extremely front-loaded, and I believe are not in the best interest of the community.

I created my own spreadsheet to model the rate increases when I could not find a model online, even though they exist for 2015 and 2016 and seem very accurate. I have analyzed the results, and have discovered that the instant raising of the mandate increase from 10% to 25% causes the great majority of the 30% rate increase to my condominium building – from approx. \$3K to approx. \$4k.


I propose you consider a ramp up of the mandate increase, starting immediately with 15%, going to 18% in 2018, 20% in 2019, and 25% in 2020. I believe this accomplishes the goal of the mandate – to change behavior in the citizens of San Francisco. I don't believe the mandate was designed to impoverish the citizens and make it more difficult to afford to live in this city.

I would also suggest in the future that models of rate increases be available to the public at the start of the rate hearing process, or shortly after the start, to allow citizens an easier time of calculating their new rates.

I have attached my official letter of protest (mailed as requested via US Mail) and the spreadsheet I used to generate my proposal. I have also sent a copy of the letter and spreadsheet to my supervisor Jane Kim.

Thank you.

Regards,



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May 1, 2017

Mr. Mohammed Nuru
Refuse Collection Rate Hearing Officer
c/o San Francisco Public Works
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City Hall, Room 348
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Mr. Nuru:

I am against the Recology rate increases for 2017. I am the HOA president for 50 Lansing St., and I write this letter as an official protest against such an increase.

The new rates would cause an approximate 30% increase in our monthly rates. This is a staggering increase to us. This increase is primarily caused by the change in the mandated service recycling/compost level from 10% to 25%. I have attached a spreadsheet that outlines our increase and a proposal to phase in the mandate increase (at least for apartments) over 4 years. By starting at 15% and phasing it in over 4 years, the increases are manageable and gives us a chance to reduce our black bins and increase our blue/green bins.

We are a mixture of renters, part-time and full time residents. We currently have about a 50% recycling/compost mixture, but we will try to further educate our residents to do better, which I believe is the focus of the San Francisco Recycling and Composting Mandate.

Thank you for your time. I will also send this via email as a comment.

Sincerely,



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**50 Lansing Recology Calculation Version 3
Including Proposed Phase in of Mandate Percentage at Bottom**

Number of Units	82			
		Proposed Rates		
Per Unit Charge			\$5.00	
Total Charge Per Unit			\$410.00	
Per Bin Rates			\$24.50	
Gallons per bin			96 Black and blue	
Gallons per bin			64 Green	
		Gallons	Total Per week	Pick ups per week
Black Bins	11	1056	3168	3
Blue Bins	10	960	2880	3
Green Bins (min 4 gal/unit)	2	128	328	1
Total Gallons per week			6376	
Blue+Green Volume			3208	
Discount			50.31%	
Less: mandate		25.00%	25.31%	
Costs of pickup			\$4,881.63	
Less: discount			\$1,235.72	
Total for Pickup			\$3,645.91	
Grand Total Including per Unit			\$4,055.91	
Current Recology Charges		\$3,071.00		
Percentage increase in July		32.07%		
Proposed Mandate Phase In			Grand Total	Increase (%)
2017		15.00%	\$3,567.74	13.92%
2018		18.00%	\$3,714.19	17.32%
2019		20.00%	\$3,811.83	19.43%
2020		25.00%	\$4,055.91	24.28%