

June 05, 2022

RE: Support Expanded Waste Services in Denver!

Dear Ms. Kniech,

City Council members,

I urge you to support more composting and recycling for Denver. It is truly incredible--and surprising, to think that this beautiful city cares so little about its environment, that it accepts a recycling rate less than half of the nation's. Many cities have shown the way to improvement, including using incentivized pricing, such as that currently being proposed in Denver. I have learned about how reducing organic waste in the landfill reduces greenhouse gas emissions, as well as how recycling really does save energy and resources. Providing weekly recycling and biweekly composting to every Denver resident will help us reduce our climate footprint. Let's implement these relative "easy" practices to begin the process of lessening the items in our landfill (up to 80%) that should not be there.

Changing the system to where recycling and composting are provided without additional fees and charging for trash is the right way to go. For too long, residents who want to compost have to pay extra. Through our general fund, we have been subsidizing wastefulness and those who send more waste to the landfill, while those of us who have been doing our part have to pay more. That isn't right and I am excited to see this change. Also, with this change, Denver is providing low-income assistance for the new waste fee. This is important to ensure that everyone can participate.

Thank you.
Toni Nading

Sincerely,
Toni Nading
1581 S Leyden St
Denver, CO 80224

May 04, 2022

RE: Support Expanded Waste Services in Denver!

Dear Ms. Kniech,

Dear Councilmember,

My name is Emma Ragona and I am a resident of Denver and a lifelong resident of Colorado. I believe that this is crucial to the city of Denver as we are lacking behind many other cities across the state when it comes to this kind of waste policy. I always personally try to separate my recycle from my trash but I feel it only goes because Denver's recycling rate is so low. Here are some facts that shows Denver needs to be better when it comes to expanding waste services:

-Denver lags far behind other cities when it comes to recycling and composting - we only recycle and compost 26% of our waste, well below leading cities like Seattle, WA, Salt Lake City, UT, and Loveland, CO which is at 58%.

-This is a missed opportunity for us to fight climate change. Recycling and composting are proven solutions that reduce greenhouse gas emissions now.

-Providing weekly recycling and biweekly composting to every Denver resident will help us reduce our climate footprint.

-Additionally, changing the system to where recycling and composting are provided without additional fees and charging for trash is the right way to go. For too long, residents who want to do the right thing, compost have to pay extra. Through our general fund, we have been subsidizing wastefulness and those who send more waste to the landfill, while those of us who have been doing our part have to pay more. That isn't right and I am excited to see this change.

-Also, with this change, Denver is providing low-income assistance for the new waste fee. This is important to ensure that everyone can participate.

As your constituent, please consider supporting this important issue that needs action taken on it NOW.

Thank you,

Emma Ragona

Sincerely,
Emma Ragona
901 Sherman St
Denver, CO 80203

May 18, 2022

RE: Support Expanded Waste Services in Denver!

Dear Ms. Kniech,

When I first moved to Denver and moved into our rental home I was happy to hear that we had compost pick up available. In the previous cities we lived in we always had compost service. I did think it was odd that we were being charged for compost and not for trash. In my mind what you should pay for is the right to put your trash in a big hole in the ground (a landfill). Compost and recycling are generally commodities and are made into something useful in a closed cycle. The current Denver model for waste is backwards. Customers should pay for trash, not compost or recycling. I also thought it was odd that recycling got picked up every two weeks. We are a family of four and have a small trash and compost bin and a large recycling bin. We create one or two small bags of trash a week because everything else goes in the compost and recycling bin. The only way people will change their behavior in a capitalistic society is by valuation. The expanded waste services proposal fixes most of what is wrong with waste services in Denver and could be a model for other cities. Please pass the Expanded Waste Services Proposal, show you understand the issues around services, combating our climate crisis and serving the community.

Sincerely,
Adam Meltzer
711 S High St
Denver, CO 80209

June 12, 2022

RE: Support Expanded Waste Services in Denver!

Dear Ms. Kniech,

Composting recycling you such an easy win for the environment and for our city. It's sill that in 2022 this isn't a standard service or precise and that denver is so far behind In comparison to other cities. As our city continues to grow trash and waste will become more of a problem let's fix it now

Denver lags far behind other cities when it comes to recycling and composting - we only recycle and compost 26% of our waste, well below leading cities like Seattle, WA, Salt Lake City, UT, and Loveland, CO which is at 58%.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Channing Childs
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Denver, CO 80212

April 21, 2022

RE: Support Pay-As-You-Throw in Denver!

Dear Ms. Gilmore,

Please support the Expanded Waste Services program. I just moved here from the west coast and I'm appalled at the amount of trash in this city and the lack of effective waste services.

Sincerely,
Daizee Torres
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