



March 2, 2023

Olympia City Council
P.O. Box 1967
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SUBJECT: Draft Waste ReSources Management Plan (2023-2030)

Dear Council Members:

At our monthly February 2, 2023 meeting, the Utilities Advisory Committee (UAC), received a staff presentation on the final update of the Draft Waste ReSources Management Plan (2023-2030). After further discussion between UAC and Waste Resources Utility staff the UAC is pleased to note our unanimous approval and recommendation of this Draft Plan to City Council.

Senior Planner, Ron Jones, and Gary Franks, Waste ReSources Director, had previously attended a December 2022 UAC meeting where details of the Draft were presented. They followed up on subsequent questions UAC members had and provided the lengthy technical memos identified in the Appendix section of the document.

At the February meeting, staff also provided a summary of the suggested changes incorporated into the Plan and noted they had solicited public comment, as well.

With the UAC's recommendation of the adoption of the 2023-2028 Waste ReSources Management Plan, we note the Plan:

- Continues progress toward the City's zero waste vision of reducing the overall waste generated in Olympia, increasing recycling and diversion, maintaining safe, efficient, and equitable operations, and being fiscally responsible.
- Addresses key strategic issues identified early in the planning process, such as rate affordability, multi-cultural outreach, a focus on multi-family recycling through education and outreach, and the development codes for solid waste, fleet electrification, and operational safety and efficiencies.
- Supports citywide efforts around diversity, equity, and inclusion, and the climate change program.
- Recommends the development of a table or Gantt chart of planned actions

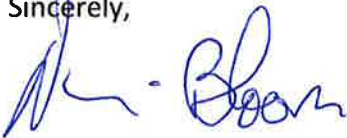
- a timeline with milestones - posted to the city's website.

- This Plan is also consistent with the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The UAC supports moving this Plan forward so the Public Works Waste Resource department can begin work on the planned strategies and actions, and where needed, include further public involvement. The Plan also honors prior commitments, builds upon previous accomplishments, and addresses current and upcoming challenges and opportunities.

We would like to thank the Waste Resource staff for their effort in developing this Plan and commitments to accomplishing it. Please contact me at dbloom@ci.olympia.wa.us or Vice Chair Kristin Lamson at klamson@ci.olympia.wa.us, if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,



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Chair

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Mark Russell, Interim Public Works Director
Gary Franks, Waste ReSources Director
Jesse Barham, UAC Staff Liaison, Interim Water Resources Director