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From: Charley Patton [<mailto:charley@charleypatton.net>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:58 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Our Family Supports Kensington Curbside Waste Pickup ...

Please vote yes at tomorrow's board meeting ...

Happy to pay more to Bay View to support CA SB1383.

Thank you.

The Patton Family
748 Wellesley Ave
Kensington, CA 94708

From: Nancy Rubin [<mailto:nancyrubin17@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:11 AM

To: Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Compost

Rick:

I have been a resident of Kensington since 1977. I am very concerned about climate change and that Kensington seems out of compliance with CA SB 1383.

Please adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so that our community can be working together to do our best with our garbage/recycling.

Thank you.

Nancy

From: Karen Nguyen [<mailto:karen.nguyen@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:51 AM
To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>
Cc: Piero Cinquegrana <pierothebear@gmail.com>
Subject: Composting in Kensington!

Dear Board,

Our family strongly encourages you to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change ASAP. We are so excited for our community to join all the others in the bay area who have had food waste pickup for years.

Thank you,
Karen Nguyen & Piero Cinquegrana
10 Anson Way, Kensington, CA 94707

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From: Janet Parks [<mailto:janetparkscoaching@gmail.com>] On Behalf Of Janet Parks

Sent: Tuesday, November 9, 2021 5:15 PM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Amendment to Bay View Refuse Agreement

Dear Directors and Interim Manager,

I am very pleased to see the Amendment to Bay Area Refuse Agreement coming before you on Thursday night.

My family and I have been watching for this for some time, eager to get more food and paper waste out of the trash and into large scale composting where it can be turned into rich soil amendment instead of atmosphere-heating methane. I have joked that I lived in a sleepy, backwater town while all the towns around us adopted the 3-bin system with full organics collection years ago.

It is not a joke, though, to get this right. It is fitting during the final days of COP 26 to agree to the amendment and move forward to be operational in February.

The cost adjustment is expected; the bins need to get paid for. And I appreciate that the contract allows for choice in bin size. Thank you for getting to this amidst the many items on your busy slate.

With great appreciation for your service to Kensington!

Janet Parks

From: Jadyne Buchholz [<mailto:jadyneb11@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:26 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>

Cc: Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Yes on Bay View Contract

We want to strongly encourage you to vote YES on the proposed Bay View contract that will provide curbside composting to Kensington residents. It's a modest cost increase but a very substantial contribution to the quality of our lives and our planet. Please do the right thing and show leadership in this opportunity to advance Kensington along the path of enlightened environmental measures.

Thank you, Jadyne and David Buchholz

From: Evelina Kitainik [<mailto:evelina.kitai@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:57 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: SB1383

Dear Directors and staff!

We would like to adopt food waste collection/composting in CA.

I encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Evelina Kitainik
Kensington

From: emilysu@gmail.com [<mailto:emilysu@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:41 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: YES PLEASE to Food Waste Collection

Hi All!

Please approve the new contract for food waste collection this Thursday. Here is why I think we should:

1. CA law SB1383 that begins January 1, 2022 says organics must be diverted from landfills. Lets do that! Personally I think it is insane that we are years (decades) behind our surrounding cities in collecting food waste
2. I don't care that it costs \$5 more per month.
3. I don't think that moving the food waste from one bin to another bin increases chance of vermin. The raccoons and rats are already here. You already need to raccoon-proof your bins! They are the size of medium to large dogs, roaming the neighborhood in gangs and knocking over trash bins.
4. The only way to not have smelly bins is to not create smelly trash. Since that is not going to happen, putting smelly waste in a different bin is not changing anything.
5. Less methane in the environment! Hey! That sounds good! Global warming sucks thus far. Let's do something to reduce our impact.

Thank you for considering!

Emily

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna Rossiter [mailto:donna_rossiter@yahoo.co.uk]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:38 AM

To: shavaj@kppcsd.org; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Compliance with CA SB1383

I encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change

From: Casey Bowden [<mailto:clbowden@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 8:33 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Composting in Kensington

Dear KCC Board,

Regarding composting in Kensington:

Please.

Yes please.

Pretty, pretty, please.

Thanks in advance,

Casey Bowden

16 Highland Blvd.
Kensington, CA 94707

From: Cara Marasco [<mailto:camarasco@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:38 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Revised Bay View Waste Contract

Hello KPPCSD Board Members,

I recently learned about a group of Kensington residents pushing for the KPPCSD board to adopt food waste collection/composting in CA. Thanks mostly to CA law SB1383 that begins January 1, 2022 and requires organics to be diverted from landfills, I understand that there is an updated contract in place with our trash hauler, Bay View, which will be brought before the Board on Thursday night for approval.

I just wanted to say that I encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change. Here is why I believe we should adopt the revised contract:

1. Most cities around us in the Bay Area have offered curbside food waste pickup for many years. Kensington finally gets to catch up and join in!
2. When organics go to landfills, they release methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than methane. Although landfills do capture methane, food waste decomposes so quickly that all the methane is lost to the atmosphere before the landfill is capped and the methane is captured.
3. Just this past week at the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow, President Biden unveiled a pledge to reduce global methane emissions by 30%. We all must do our part, and curbside composting is an easy way Kensington can reduce ghg emissions.
4. To those who say composting is smelly-no new material is being created. Instead of putting organic materials in your trash bin, they are going in the organics bin. Different bin, same materials.
5. To those who say this is more expensive-It looks like this will add \$5 to our monthly bills. \$5 is the price of a store-bought coffee. This rate increase is nothing when you look at the havoc and expense that climate change is wreaking. We know this well in CA from the enormous cost and destruction we have seen with wildfires, that have increased in size and intensity due to climate change. I am happy to pay this small increase to properly manage our materials.
6. There are many Kensington residents who are excited and have been waiting for this opportunity for years! I encourage the Board to adopt the revised contract with Bay View so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and start doing our part to combat climate change and create a renewable, value-added product by composting our food waste.

Thank you for your consideration,

Cara Marasco
215 Columbia Avenue
Kensington, CA 94708

From: Anne Hitchcock [<mailto:athitchcock@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 7:16 AM

To: Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>; Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Please start curbside food waste pickup in Kensington!

Dear members of the Board,

As a resident of Kensington who cares about battling climate change for our kids:
Please adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so that we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to help!

Thank you!

Sincerely,
Anne Hitchcock
606 Canon Dr, Kensington, CA 94708
530-219-6297

From: Amy Draemel [<mailto:draemela@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:36 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Please vote YES to approve new Bay View contract regarding composting

Dear KPPCSD Board Members,

I have learned that you will be voting on the new Bay View proposed contract at tomorrow's meeting, which includes plans for food waste pickup. PLEASE vote yes! Kensington citizens voted over two years ago to introduce a composting food waste pickup service. For the past 8 years, my family has been composting and bringing our food waste to put in the green bins of family and friends in Berkeley, Albany, El Cerrito, and Alameda. When we started composting many years ago in Brooklyn, NY, we realized just how much waste we kept out of our garbage (which was less smelly as a result!), and we never looked back. Composting is easy to do, is better for the environment, and has a lot of support within the Kensington community. I very much look forward to Kensington joining the list of Bay Area cities doing their part to reduce landfill. It's time for this change to finally be implemented, and I am happy to pay an additional fee on my bill to cover the cost if necessary. It's worth it.

Thank you for supporting this proposed improvement to Kensington's waste pickup service.

Amy Draemel
5 Sunset Drive
Kensington, CA 94707

From: Maya Melczer Greenfield [<mailto:maya.melczer@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 12:36 PM

To: Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>; Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Please Let Kensington Start Composting!

KPPCSD Board,

I am writing to express my endorsement to adopt the revised Bay View refuse contract so that Kensington can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change!

My family and I moved to Kensington from San Francisco in 2016 and in SF the majority of our waste was either recycling or food waste. The compost program was excellent and was the right choice for our community and the earth as a whole. I look forward to the Board taking action.

Thank you,
Maya Greenfield
708 Wellesley Ave.

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Maya Melczer Greenfield
maya.melczer@gmail.com

From: David Jesse [<mailto:djardmore@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:40 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Food Waste Compaction Support: KCC

Esteemed Board and GM Benson

I strongly encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract that includes composting so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change.

It is imperative that we take this step towards a better tomorrow for our future.

Jesse Montano and family
2 ARdmore Rd, Kensington, CA 94707

From: David C [<mailto:distoffice2003@yahoo.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 11:43 AM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Composting Support; Bay View

Board members

As a parent and community member, I would respectfully request you favorably consider the updated contract for Bay View to include the language for adoptin food waste collection/composting. Not only will this allow us to come into compliance with CA SB1383, but it is the repsonsible thing to do. It has a very small if/any immediate fiscal effect to KPPCSD and has even greater long term benefits to our community and our earth.

David Concepcion

223 Yale Ave Kensington, CA 94707n rbenson@kppcsd.org

* Pleas include my request in the public record in favor of this proposed item.

From: Cara Gillen [<mailto:cara.peck@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 2:49 PM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Please vote YES on revised Bay View contract

Dear KCCPSD Board,

I am encouraging you to vote YES on Thursday (11/11) night and adopt the revised contract with Bay View that will expand and include food scrap curbside collection in our trash contract.

I have been composting curbside in the Bay Area since 2004 and was shocked when my family moved to Kensington 2.5 years ago to find out there is no food waste pickup. I believe we are the only area in the Bay Area that does not offer curbside organics collection, including food waste. I have been hauling our food scraps to my mother-in-laws house in Albany for the past 2 years, which I have come to find out many Kensington residents also do.

The reasons I believe we should adopt this new contract are:

1. When organics go to landfills, they release methane, a greenhouse gas 21 times more potent than methane. Although landfills do capture methane, food waste decomposes so quickly, that all the methane is lost to the atmosphere before the landfill is capped and the methane is captured.
2. Just this past week at the Cop26 climate conference in Glasgow, President Biden unveiled a pledge to reduce global methane emissions by 30%. We all must do our part, and curbside composting is an easy way Kensington can reduce ghg emissions.
3. There are those who might say composting is smelly- no new material is being created. Instead of putting organic materials in the trash bin, they are going in the organics bin. Different bin, same materials.
4. There are those who might say this is more expensive. If I am reading the new contract correctly, it looks like this will add \$5 to our monthly bills. \$5 is the price of a coffee. This rate increase is nothing when you look at the havoc and expense that climate change is wreaking. We know this well in CA from the enormous cost and destruction we have seen with wildfires, that have increased in size and intensity due to climate change. I am happy to pay this small increase to properly manage our materials.
5. CA law SB1383 begins January 1, 2022 and requires organics to be diverted from landfills in CA.
6. There are many Kensington residents who are excited and have been waiting for this opportunity for years!

I encourage the Board to adopt the revised contract with Bay View so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and start doing our part to combat climate change and create a renewable, value-added product by composting our food waste.

Thank you,
Cara Gillen
232 Purdue Ave.
Kensington

From: Andrea Chahrour [<mailto:andrea.chahrour@gmail.com>]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 9:59 PM

To: shavaj@kppcsd.org; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: The Bay View Waste Collection Contract

Dear Directors,

Please adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change.

Thank you very much!

Andrea Chahrour

204 Arlington Ave, Kensington, CA 94707

-----Original Message-----

From: Carol Patton [<mailto:carol.patton@comcast.net>]

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:07 AM

To: Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Re: CA SB1383

Hi Rick,

I want to encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change.

Thank you,
Carol Patton
321 Rugby Ave.

From: Caterina Equinozio [mailto:cat_girl82@yahoo.com]

Sent: Wednesday, November 10, 2021 10:21 PM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Kensington needs to compost!

Hello,

I strongly encourage the board to adopt the revised Bay View waste contract so we can reduce our contribution to landfill, come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change. I understand that this will increase my bill and I am willing to pay that cost if it means that we have curbside food waste pickup.

Thank you for your time,
Caterina McConnell

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From: Premilla Banwait [<mailto:pbanwait@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 9:40 AM

To: Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: We need composting in Kensington!

Dear Directors,

Our family would absolutely love if the board adopted the revised Bay View contract to add compost bins and be in compliance with CA SB1383.

We have been doing our own composting ever since we moved to Kensington 6 years ago but there is only so much our family can manage. We produce a lot of organic scraps and instead of throwing it into the waste we would love to properly compost it.

We love how El Cerrito has the ability for residents to pick up composted dirt annually from their center. It really shows how sustainable the city is. Could we create something similar?
Thanks for considering!

The Mani family
130 Norwood ct

Sent from my iPhone

From: Amber Yearwood [<mailto:amberdyearwood@gmail.com>]

Sent: Thursday, November 11, 2021 2:06 PM

To: Sylvia Hacaj <SHacaj@kppcsd.org>; Eileen Nottoli <ENottoli@kppcsd.org>; Christopher Deppe <cdeppe@kppcsd.org>; Rachelle Sherris-Watt <rsherriswatt@kppcsd.org>; Mike Logan <MLogan@kppcsd.org>; Rick Benson <rbenson@kppcsd.org>

Subject: Please vote to help climate change and collect compost tonight!

Dear Board,

I am a Kensington resident with a young family. My husband's family has deep roots in this community, having lived here since the seventies. My parents are now also moving to Kensington, and my sister in law lives right next door in Kensington as well. Having attended a local preschool and now at Prospect Sierra, we have many friends in this community and we all are unanimous - we would like to catch up with neighboring cities and do our part by paying a little extra for compost collection!

This is such a wonderful opportunity to address a long shortcoming in our contract with Bay View waste and come into compliance with CA SB1383 and do our part to combat climate change!

When organic matter goes into landfills, it releases methane which is much more potent than CO2. There is no reason why our community can't do the right thing and put food waste where it belongs, into a commercial composting facility.

I understand there is a vocal minority opposing this measure - their arguments fall flat in the face of logic. There will be no extra smell, as the organic waste is simply going to a different place other than the landfill. The extra expense is tiny - five dollars a month - I assure you Kensington homeowners are not concerned about an extra five dollars on their garbage bill.

This is a popular proposal that it would serve well to support, and it is the right thing to do, thank you!!

Amber Yearwood