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RE: Marin Sanitary Service 2022 Contract

Honorable Mayor and Council Members,

Sustainable San Rafael welcomes the City's progress towards reducing methane emissions from landfill by requiring residents and businesses to properly dispose of organic materials in green carts. At last count, these emissions amounted to 4% of our community's greenhouse gas emissions, a relatively small portion of our contribution to climate change, but one that municipal regulation can dramatically reduce.

The proposed changes to the Marin Sanitary Service contract will support this effort by providing green carts to all MSS customers, educating everyone on their use, and monitoring for compliance and contamination. We urge you to rapidly put teeth in these efforts by codifying the requirement for organics recycling early in 2022, in accordance with SB1383.

The Marin Biomass Collaborative, developed in collaboration with Drawdown Marin, the Marin Conservation Resource District, Marin Wildfire Prevention Authority, Organizing for Action, Sustainable San Rafael, Marin Conservation League, and others, stands ready to assist.

We are working with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to develop Marin-specific recommendations for economically feasible, climate supportive means of processing and utilizing household, yard, and wildland organics once collected. MSS has been a partner in these efforts, and we look forward to mutually beneficial results.

Thank you for your efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in San Rafael by all means within the City's powers, as we grapple with the ongoing emergency of climate change.

Sincerely,

William Carney
President

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