

Addendum
DIRECTORS'/ORGANIZATIONAL AGENDA
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- I. CONSTITUENT CORRESPONDENCE**
 - 1. Cardboard Policy Disaster- Michael Boes

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Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 3:22 PM
To: Council Packet
Subject: Cardboard Policy Disaster

Good afternoon,

Will the city council consider overturning the disastrous corrugated cardboard policy in the city when it is in session this year? It has been an undisputed failure. There are not enough recycling facilities in the city to keep up with the demand. The recycling facilities that currently exist are completely overrun by cardboard and it is becoming a health hazard. I've heard stories of rats and mice rummaging through almost every center in the city. Little old ladies and others in the elderly population are physically incapable of breaking down the boxes. Hardworking garbagemen are being made to waste time in their already busy schedules to either breakdown the cardboard themselves or warrant a fine for their failure to do so.

The council decided to implement a policy in good faith without a plan to back it up. If the council's time would be better spent funding new recycling centers instead of punishing citizens. The policy unnecessarily attempts to force virtuous behavior under threat of punishment. Most people disdain the policy and are not being encouraged to implement a "green lifestyle" but rather are garnering a resistance to any sort of choices that better the environment.

Drop the cardboard ban in landfills. Encourage people to recycle. Stop using the government as a weapon to implement values approved by the council. It doesn't work and it isn't working.

Respectfully,

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