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[EXTERNAL EMAIL]

Honorable Mayor, City Council Members and Staff,

My name is Richard Nakano. I live at 1122 Kenton Dr, Monterey Park, CA 91755. I wish to comment on the new law (Senate Bill 1383) requiring single family homes to recycle food scraps.

While I am in favor of recycling in general, this new collection program seems less than ideal for the following reason:

Many people already compost their organic waste into mulch. Others use in-sink garbage disposals which process food scraps. The remaining small amount of organic waste generated by a single family home might amount to a few inches in the bottom of a 90-gallon green waste bin. Yet dedicated trucks must pick up this small amount weekly, causing extra air and noise pollution, traffic impediments and wasting fuel and human resources.

I believe the implementation of the City's program should be further studied and an improved system be utilized. Certainly encouraging composting would help. For non-compostable organic waste, one suggestion might be special "organic waste" bags be provided to our citizens, which could be sealed and thrown into the regular trash. At the Materials Recycling Facility, these bags could be separated out and processed. This would cut down on the wasteful use of large green waste bins for small amounts of organic waste.

I also have questions about acceptable organic waste:

- 1) What about cardboard boxes? I don't see them mentioned in the bulletin put out by Athens Services in the Feb. issue of Cascades. My family discards a lot of cardboard boxes from mail order packages (e.g. Amazon). Are these types of boxes acceptable as organic waste?
- 2) What about disposable diapers and personal (feminine) hygiene products?

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

Richard N. Nakano



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