

July 17, 2003

To: Honorable Thomas Nardelli, Chairman Public Safety Committee
Honorable Public Safety Committee Members

Dear Public Safety Committee Chairman and Members:

Attached is a resolution introduced by "title only" at the July 15, 2003 meeting of the Common Council. This resolution authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to advertise and award a contract for solid waste and recycling services. It also authorizes the Commissioner of Public Works to hire a consultant to assist the Department of Public Works in preparing the bid documents. I believe that a consultant is advisable because DPW staff infrequently work the technical and legislative issues associated with solid waste disposal. Our staff's primary expertise is with solid waste collection operations.

I have reviewed the technical, financial, and operational capabilities of the solid waste contractors whom I believe will be the primary competitors for the city's solid waste and recycling contract and have concluded that a high level of interest by experienced, competent solid waste firms exists. I believe that the city will receive responsive bids that will reduce our existing costs for solid waste and recycling services.

I respectfully request that this file be reviewed at the July 24, 2003 meeting of the Public Safety Committee and referred to the Common Council for adoption at its meeting on July 31, 2003.

If you have any questions regarding this file, please contact me at 286-3301. I will be in attendance at the July 24th meeting of the Public Safety Committee to answer your questions.

Very truly yours,

Mariano A. Schifalacqua
Commissioner of Public Works

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Attachment