

Master Plan Cost Savings Resolution

Whereas, on October 19, 2011 the City of Austin Solid Waste Advisory Commission unanimously approved and recommended City Council approval of the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan, and,

Whereas, the Master Plan is a comprehensive long-term planning document including every facet and component of solid waste resource management in Austin, Texas, and,

Whereas, the Master Plan is the product of years of discussion, planning, public input and dedicated city staff and consultant work, and,

Whereas, the Master Plan charts an aggressive and practical path to achieving Zero Waste by 2040 (or sooner), and,

Whereas, the Master Plan contemplates new department expenditures to expand recycling, reusing and reducing materials that would otherwise be disposed of in a landfill, and,

Whereas, the ratepayers and taxpayers of Austin, Travis County, Texas will bear the cost of implementing Zero Waste programs, and,

Whereas, the Austin City Council will soon review and take action on the Austin Resource Recovery Master Plan,

Therefore, Be It Resolved:

1. The City of Austin Solid Waste Advisory Commission encourages the Austin City Council to take action as soon as possible to approve the Master Plan, and,
2. The Solid Waste Advisory Commission strongly recommends the Austin City Council direct the Austin Resource Recovery Director to identify potential cost savings and efficiencies in day to day operations and report back to City Management and City Council with all findings and suggestions within 60 days.