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July 29, 2008

Dear Plymouth Recycler:

Waste Management has been the recycling provider for the City of Plymouth for over 17 years. We wanted to write to let you know about a change your city council has made. On July 8th, the City of Plymouth city council voted to negotiate a new recycling contract with Eureka Recycling. Waste Management is supportive of the City Council looking for cost savings and negotiating the best deal for the City, but that is not the case with this decision.

***Recycling Changes Will Cost Residents More Money**

The Plymouth City Council has voted to negotiate a new recycling contract, despite a lower, more competitive bid by Waste Management. The accepted **proposal will end up costing the City of Plymouth \$400,000 more than Waste Management's proposal over the next 3 years.** Waste Management understands that there are mounting financial challenges facing each of us. We believe there is a need for elected officials to hold the line on expenses.

***Recycle Day Changes**

The proposal the City Council accepted will also require a change to the day that you put out your recycling. Waste Management's proposal did not change the current recycling program in any way. Currently, recycling is picked up on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday in Plymouth. A day change means that recycling will now be picked up five days a week and chances are recycling may not match your current trash day.

***Back to Sorting Your Recyclables: More Time and Effort for the Resident for a Program that Costs More!**

The accepted proposal requires that you go back to separating your recycling into categories. This means more work for the resident for a more expensive recycling program! Your current recycling program is easier, more convenient and because residents like it, they recycle more material.

I am asking you to encourage your elected officials hold the line on expenses and reconsider their decision. Please take the time to contact your city council member.

Their e-mails and voice mail information is included on the back of this letter. Thank you for your support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Metz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steve Metz
Director of Operations