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City Auditor

I am writing you with concerns about the changes that Solid Waste has implemented in Congress Park neighborhood and potential escalating costs in trash removal. In June of 2021, our trash pickup was radically changed. We previously had alley pickup and that was changed to curb pickup for all services – trash, recycle, compost and large items. Previously, trash, recycle, compost and large item trucks would drive up the alley and pick up for the entire block. Four trucks with one pass for each block. With this new policy these four trucks must now drive around every single block on all 4 sides on both sides of the street. This is four times as much driving. Their rationale for the change was cost savings.

It is an understatement to say that this change has created a great deal of hardship for the Congress Park Neighborhood.

Would you please investigate this use of public monies? To observe this change in trucks driving in my neighborhood defies the explanation of cost savings.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards,

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