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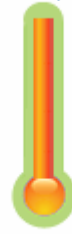
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Petition: Recycling in Houston, Texas
Target: Office of the Mayor, City of Houston
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WE THE UNDERSIGNED:

1. **Appreciate** your ongoing efforts to enhance the City's recycling program (the "Program"), your willingness to read and carefully consider this petition.
2. **Recognize** that Houston is a city of sufficient size that there are economic, environmental, and moral imperatives to have a high quality Program, as measured against American cities of similar size.
3. **Believe** that the current Program efforts are insufficient, inferior to comparable cities, and require additional effort and resources.
4. **Request** that the following be immediately undertaken *with your leadership and in conjunction with City Council*:
 - A. Formal adoption of "waste diversion rate" as the primary metric for measuring success of the Program, with regular tabulation and public release thereof. Waste diversion rate shall be defined as the sum of recycled volume, composted volume, and source volume reduced divided by total waste volume.
 - B. Integration of the Program with the City's "regular" waste disposal program so that the overall waste management system is considered and budgeted in a comprehensive manner.
 - C. To encourage greater public participation in the Program, implementation of variable user fees for "regular" waste collection, the central features being implementation of variable size collection bins, with (1) price increasing proportional to bin size, and (2) a no-fee baseline small bin.
 - D. Expanded acceptance of materials currently refused by the Program, such as glass and building materials.
 - E. Expanded coverage of the Program to include currently neglected communities, including apartment/condo dwellers and commercial businesses.
 - F. Implementation of regulatory mandates where applicable, including (a) a requirement that locally permitted commercial businesses additionally submit for approval and subsequently follow comprehensive waste disposal and recycling plans, and (b) regulation of other waste disposal businesses such that they too must be in compliance with City Program-related regulations.
 - G. Implementation of industry best practices, including such Program initiatives as food waste recycling/composting from local restaurants and food stores, and recycling/re-use of demolished building materials by construction developers.
 - I. Creation of plans to gradually and appropriately bring about mandatory public participation in the Program.
 - J. Creation of formal and ongoing contacts, visitations, and study of comparable city programs for the express purpose of implementing ongoing improvements to the Program.

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1	Mike Downs	Sweet Springs, Missouri	
2	Ginger Geronimo	Birmingham, Alabama	
3	Hannah Golub	Houston, Texas	
4	Marcela Oliva	Cordoba, Argentina	
5	Frances Lavender	Houston, Texas	
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7	William Bennett	Houston, Texas	Please update our recycling program. We can reuse these materials we toss out. We will run out of landfills someday. We need to keep up with the times. It's 2008 now. There is NO reason not to recycle. Please let my fellow Houstonians know that. Please.
8	Carla Everett	Houston, Texas	I am concerned about our disregard for the future and what we are creating with our lack of recycling and waste program. I have seen programs in other cities that give people options regarding waste and recycling. We are huge city and can have a positive impact for the future.
9	Sean Williams	Houston, Texas	Recycling is a pain. I take my recycling to the Houston centers myself. There is no pickup at my small patio home community.
10	Fernando Gonzalez Del Cueto	Houston, Texas	I have to drive to West University's recycling facilities. I am very displeased with the recycling facilities and services of the city of Houston.
11	Randolph Scott	Houston, Texas	
12	Jessica Hartog Smith	Houston, Texas	
13	Walter Teb Lokey	Houston, Texas	The lack of policies to encourage and promote recycling and conservation is an embarrassment to our city. We are well known nationally for our wasteful ways, and must begin a concerted effort to transition to sustainable policies. Even New Orleans, from which I was displaced by Katrina, had a higher recycling rate than Houston. I drive to the recycling center on Westpark on a regular basis, but curbside pickup would surely be more efficient and effective. Further, it pains me to see the waste of organic material such as yard waste and clippings which are landfilled rather than composted.
14	Mark Juedeman	Houston, Texas	Houston to become a real world class city. By recycling we can become that.
15	Jennifer Ogbojo	Houston, Texas	jennifer
16	Cynthia Scott	Houston, Texas	Thank you for considering this petition. Houston has shown signs in recent years of being a progressive, modern city. Please continue this effort, and help our environment, by aggressively pursuing increased recycling. Increased fees are an acceptable cost for the benefits of recycling.
17	John Romney Pyper	Houston, Texas	I am very impressed with the news article reported on by Leo Gold. I compost lawn and kitchen plant waste. We use the green bin (but many of my neighbors do not!) By the way the workers throw the bins too roughly. Also the big black garbage container needs repair. No city repair program that I know of. Finally we put paper in the collection bin down the street at the Catholic Church. Getting rid of pesticides, paint and other chemicals needs to be facilitated.
18	Marybeth Pappas Baun	Houston, Texas	When I moved to Houston 8 years ago, I was pleased to find that the city collected recycleables. Much to my dismay, when I moved into a townhouse, that service ended. Not only is this unfair (I pay just as much tax as the next Houstonian), it is short-sighted.
19	Sammie Miller	The Woodlands, Texas	Houston has the opportunity to set an example. Many of her surrounding communities are strongly affected by the decisions of her leaders. It's time to bring our state out of the dark ages on this issue.
20	Roy Olson	Houston, Texas	I find it troubling that people need to search out how they can go about recycling in Houston. What decade is this?
21	Rob Fruth	Houston, Texas	
22	Sandra Sirman	Katy, Texas	I really care about recycling in Houston but more specifically here in the suburbs. We have 4 small children and my husband and I want recycling to be a natural thing to do without even thinking about it!!

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23	Richard Hinojosa	La Porte, Texas	
24	Dc Spath	Houston, Texas	Thank you for allowing me to support this petition. Our household supports user fees and paying the fully burdened cost of our consumption. There is so much more that can be replicated in Houston that has proven successful in other cities and countries. Mandatory recycling and separation is the norm in Germany. Paying the cost raises awareness, modifies behavior and results, over time, in positive social outcomes. Low expectations motivate like performance. Sincerely, DC Spath
25	Christine Diaz	Houston, Texas	Houston needs to do better in the area of recycling. We need to show the world Houston cares about the environment and its citizens. Mayor Bill White has done a lot in regards to the environment, but he needs to take this next big step, especially if he is looking to be the next governor of Texas!
26	Jeff McLaren	Spring, Texas	
27	Willy Trippet	Sugarland, Texas	I see the dual color paper recycling bins almost always overflowing from good people. So many of us personally make special drives to centers which is wasteful, and unfortunately a privilege and should be unnecessary.
28	Leo Ambrosi	Spring, Texas	Are you pleased with the City of Houston's waste disposal policies?
29	Ruth Quintanilla	Houston, Texas	Mr. Mayor we can do better. You're a visionary man and I have confidence that you see the path Houston is on is headed in the wrong direction. Let's transform the future of this city for the next generation.
30	Haden Garrett	Houston, Texas	I know Houston can do better on the recycling front. We need to take Houston to the next level. We need to do this for our city, ourselves, and for our future, our children.
31	John Linden	Houston, Texas	
32	Janice Green	Houston, Texas	Houston can do better. While the city is generally doing well, from a financial standpoint, use these resources to invest in becoming the Green Energy Capital. That would be something to be proud of and brag about in the big cities competition!
33	Viula Torgerson	Houston, Texas	We need to do more! We are the 4th largest city in the nation and should be farther ahead of the curve in recycling efforts. We need to do it for our Earth and **our reputation.**
34	Edgar Salcedo	Houston, Texas	Yes We Can!!!
35	Kevin Benard	Houston, Texas	The 2.5% diversion rate is very disappointing.
36	Theresa Gibson	Houston, Texas	
37	Andrea Legare	Houston, Texas	We CAN and MUST do better.
38	Jessica Alexander	Houston, Texas	In the Third Ward section of Houston, specifically on my street, there is no recycling program. I would be willing to volunteer to start one.
39	Michael Wanja	Tomball, Texas	hmmm... CITY WIDE WIFI vs. RECYCLING...
40	Michele Haralson	Houston, Texas	We definitely need mandatory recycling. I am continually shocked by intelligent people who either don't care or are too lazy to recycle.
41	Maria Santos	Houston, Texas	We need to do what ever it takes to implement Recycling through the whole City!
42	Jenny Jurica	Houston, Texas	
43	Robin Blinn	Houston, Texas	I'm ashamed to be an American due to the empire building disguised as nation building following an illegal war foisted on the world by another Texan. I get sick when people call him a cowboy. He's a gunslinger. The only thing that comes close to creating this level of shame is Houston's record with respect to recycling: diverting a pitiful 2.5%
44	Douglas Fleckman	Houston, Texas	We need to do more.....we can do more!
45	Jenny Vegan	United States, United States Minor Outlying Islands	
46	Rusty Jones	Houston, Texas	No. I live in Nassau Bay in an apartment, and when I first moved here there was two nearby places for me to recycle. One was removed due to construction, and the other was in a grocery store parking lot and the bins are no longer there. The nearest place is Ellington Field, where they take several recyclable goods. But this place is quite a way of the for me, and hence I recycle less. Is there a website that indicates where recyclable goods can be dropped in local neighborhoods, cities? If not, maybe we should put one together.

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47	Katherine Walters	Cypress, Texas	what are we waiting for?
48	Cece Misener	Houston, Texas	Recycling is needed not just in the city but also COUNTY wide.I want to recycle and I don't want to drive to do it.
49	Charles Davis	Lamarque, Texas	No I lived in houston for 5 year I love houston. I now live in lamarque tx.I wish we would recycling down here for my GrandKids future.
50	Alejandro De La Torre	Houston, Texas	This is a responsibility we have to future generations. Our rate of consumption in the U.S. is unsustainable, certainly including Houston. Comprehensive recycling in Houston is the least we could do.
51	Roy Simmons	Houston, Texas	As a long time resident of Pecan Park I have always felt that the lack of a recycle program in my neighborhood was an inducement to having dumping in the area. Heavy trash policy in the area is also a problem. Too much enforcement and too little service. Recycle hazards in seperate bags or bins as well.
52	Constantin Sandu	Pearland, Texas	I am astonished that we need a petition for something that has so much common sense.
53	Milton Decoronado	Houston, Texas	We can do BETTER!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
54	Annette Kapp	Houston, Texas	Everyone should be required to recycle. I live in a neighborhood that has City of Houston recycling and on the day that we recycle, I drive down the street and am amazed at how many people do not recycle. My children live in a community that has private pickup and they do not have recycling. They are teaching their children the wrong way to live in this country and our community. Lets get manditory recycling.
55	Hassan Akbar	Houston/Usa, Texas	hassan akbar
56	Dana Hendrix	Houston, Texas	
57	Nancy Hampton	Houston, Texas	Glass and more plastic products needs to be included in the recycling program.
58	Gregory Mager	Houston, Texas	i was amazed after living in several cities where recycling is mandatory, to find that houston not only doesn't require recycling, but does not recycle glass. for a city of this size this is unbelievably short sighted.
59	Halcyon Learned	Houston, Texas	We live in a townhome community, and I've often wondered why townhomes are not included in the recycling program. It seems as if it would be efficient to pick up from multiple homes than single ones.
60	Dominic Valdes	Houston, Texas	Houston needs an aggressive recycling program. Its absolutely vital. After seeing Bill White at the progressive forum, I'm confident that the major of Houston and his group of people have the vision and competence to make it happen.
61	Debi Jezzard	Plantersville, Texas	Once recycling is a part of our lives, it is like eating.....we have to have it!!! Compost also all that thrown away food - it will come back to you tenfold.
62	Tim Pagel	Houston, Texas	NO!As a co-founder of our neighborhood recycling program back in the 90's - when we used to actually drive around in our trucks and trailers collecting materials - it distresses me that our city is regressing. Our program was instrumental in providing the impetus for the city to take the program and expand it to all (most) residences. I just read this morning that the city is considering dropping areas from the recycling program for lack of use. Chronicle April 26th. What we need is bold leadership that will effectively communicate the need and wisdom of dealing with this aspect of city life.
63	Brad Young	Houston, Texas	I think we need to reframe the dichotomy of trash versus recyclables as recyclables versus non-recyclables.
64	Christine Soderstrom	Houston, Texas	
65	Mark Thorson	Houston, Texas	No. I go outside the city to recycle, and I tell people that I consider it little more then a symbolic gesture in the face of the attitudes here.
66	Georgina Becerra	Waller, Texas	This is a no-brainer. Recources are finite - do we want a viable future or not? Also if Mayor White really wants to leave a meaningful legacy equal to other leaders, then this is imperative.
67	John Christian	Kingwood, Texas	Houston needs to show it is a city with integrity. It must be serious about recycling. A place to start is a law that would require every public event (Festivals, Texans Games, etc) to provide recycling bins and the materials to be recycled.

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68	Duane Bradley	Houston, Texas	I applaud the City of Houston for having a recycling program. However, I encourage you to expand the scope of this program, through wider participation by communities and neighborhood organizations. I recommend a greater investment by the CoH in this entire endeavor.
69	Nancy Davidson	Houston, Texas	We need to recycle, it is so important to our world. I am from SF and have also lived in many countries where recycling is what people do. When I first moved to Houston I couldn't believe that a city of this size had just a horrible recycling plan. Keep up the good work! Something needs to be done.
70	Bill Crosier	Houston, Texas	We need to do more to promote recycling in Houston. Our children and grandchildren deserve more from us. We need to make it easier, not more difficult, for people to recycle. An example of how we're going backwards: Our neighborhood has curbside recycling every other week on the same day as our trash pickup. However, many residents (including me) forget which week is recycling week. The city has notified us that our recycling day will be changed to a day different than our regular trash and heavy trash pickup. This will make it even MORE difficult for people to remember when to put out recycling! Mayor White can make Houston a leader in recycling. Let's make it easier for everyone to do it, get input from residents, and add economic incentives if necessary!
71	Andre Brackett	Cypress, Texas	
72	Robert Singleton	Houston, Texas	I live in a recycling pick-up area and was very happy when this service started. But I want it expanded. I would like to recycle more than just #1 and #2 plastics. I would like to have glass picked up at home. At home I compost all my yard cuttings and compostable kitchen waste. I have been happy with the attitude of the Mayor, his Staff and City Council with the progressive steps they have taken to make Houston a desirable city to live in. But I fear that in the area of recycling and environmental responsibility, our leadership should be more proactive.
73	Mona Sheikh	Houston, Texas	While San Francisco recycles 70% and wants to push to 75%, Houston recycles barely 2.5% of its waste: http://www.nytimes.com/2008/05/07/us/07garbage.html?ref=environment
74	Isaac Bustamante	Houston, Texas	Mr Mayor... It's time for us to act. Do not be afraid of political repercussions. If the people were willing to pay for three stadiums, they should be forced to pay for a comprehensive, complex, and extensive recycling program.
75	Fred Stawitz	Houston, Texas	Mayor Bill White has been the best thing that has happened to Houston since I moved here in 1990. I would encourage his Administration to move forward with development and implementation of a more aggressive waste recycling program for the city and inspire the development of a similar program for the surrounding counties.
76	Suzan Cotellesse	Houston, Texas	Recycling is RIGHT ACTION. Sure it's inconvenient, but inconvenience is simply a detail of taking RIGHT ACTION!
77	Janet Barwell	Houston, Texas	I just read in the paper that COH is going to terminate recycling in my neighborhood because of low participation. Please don't back off - we need better incentives to recycle. People are only now starting to get the message about how much trouble the environment is in. This is not the time to stop. We can do better.
78	Tina Brady	Houston, Texas	Most people need to be required or inspired to recycle or they will not do it. There are a variety of ways recycling can be encouraged. Studying cities with successful programs is a great place to start.

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79	Teresa J Allen	Spring, Texas	My household has curbside recycling. My husband and I carry paper to the green paper recycling bins that are often located in school parking lots. The bins are so visible and convenient. I also literally carry recyclables from events that I attend and places that I visit that do not obviously have means to recycle. We also pick up pine needles that others discard, as it is great material for compost. Over 25 years ago when I lived in Germany, there were very visible bins for recycling in my neighborhood, so I pitched in! It was a given! Houston should try to be a trend-setter and very vocal/visible at encouraging recycling. We should help people be visionary about solving community problems. This helps people bond as members of the community and establish self-esteem. Please insist that businesses, apartment complexes, sports stadiums and festivals facilitate the means to recycle. Please use television, radio and newspapers to educate people. Please more actively promote composting. Take initiative! Take initiative! Take initiative! Thank you.
80	Chasity Munn	Houston, Texas	I think if the City made more of an effort to put in neighborhood recycling centers more people would recycle. Currently, it can be a challenge to recycle. Also, the fee that Waste Management wants to charge for curbside recycling is way to high. Houston can and should do better.
81	Kathy Kray	Houston, Texas	
82	Robin Apostolakis	Kingwood, Texas	
83	Carolyn Ebanks	Deer Park, Texas	Both the frequency and types of curbside recycling offered by Houston are not as robust as the offerings in other cities in which I've lived. Houston needs curbside glass recycling, and other programs to increase are community's commitment to recycling and reduce the amount of material sent to the landfill.
84	Christopher Nelson	Houston, Texas	
85	Mark Dudonis	Houston, Texas	I was driving home listening to the show (great show) so as soon as I got home I logged on to the net. I think recycling is not just the right thing to do, but is our responsibility.
86	Joe Baker	Redwood City, California	Are you pleased with the City of Houston's waste disposal policies? No, as one of our nations largest cities Houston should lead the nation in recycling, land fills no matter how large the state will not be there forever, not to mention that someday and possibly sooner than later, recycling will be mandatory now is the time to start to make Houston's waste policies lead the nation not follow.
87	Susan Gray	Kingwood, Texas	
88	Melanie Campbell	Houston, Texas	Being the 4th largest city in the US, Houston should absolutely be doing more. I don't mind paying more if I can see what I'm getting for my money!! It is imperative that we do this to save our planet. Also, I know it's not exactly the same, though it ties into the landfill aspect of this subject, but we should stop tearing down perfectly good houses to build McMansions. It is completely ridiculous. The city should slow down on approving building permits... take a breath... re-evaluate. Whole neighborhoods are being demolished. It really makes me sad.
89	Christianne Gell	Houston, Texas	Our waste policies only encourage waste production and diminish returns and involvement in reducing and recycling. Please follow more progressive cities' leads and change.

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90	Keith Koski	Houston, Texas	A quote for Ms. Marks from The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices by the Union of Concerned Scientists (page 30):The [budgetary] cost of waste disposal is driven by two main factors. One is the cost of hauling the trash to the landfill. As the number of landfills has dropped, the average hauling distance has gone up, and with it, the price.The second factor is the cost of building and operating landfills to meet the latest environmental standards. New facilities have clay or plastic linings to prevent chemicals from seeping into groundwater.I'm not a scientist bu will add a third cost: the release of carbon dioxide and methane into the atmosphere as a result from the burning of fuel to transport more garbage than is necessary. This contributes to global warming and the local urban heat island effect.So there you have it. There is a cost incentive to increase recycling that appeals to fiscal conservatives who might not take to comparisons with San Francisco but are well acquainted with the cost of fuel. There is also an environmental incentive to everyone concerned with global warming.The best recycling program will be highly localized starting with organic material such as leaves, tree branches, cuttings, etc. They can be broken down and reused without ever leaving the neighborhood. The second phase should be non-animal food recycling within neighborhoods. This approach will both save trucking fuel and its C02, and foster community cooperation as a positive side effect. I'm currently recycling both of these materials on my property with no difficulty. My tomatoes are better than any in the stores. Metal is already being recycled fairly efficiently. Plastic recycling will have to be less localized but can be deposited in more localized receptacles to save fuel. We should conserve all of these materials.
91	John Smith	Ellensburg Dep, New York	
92	Debra Evans	Houston, Texas	
93	Glenn Goris	Sint-Lenaarts, Belgium	
94	Linda Gabrielson	Houston, Texas	This is so long overdue. Thank you, Leo for organizing this petition. You're helping make a big positive impact on this community! We can definitely learn from SF's model...Germany has also been recycling extensively for years. Some other puzzling questions re: recycling in my area...neighborhoods on the opposite side of 529 & WLYork have recycling bins, but ours doesn't! I want it all:recycling for paper, alum, plastic , glass,& yard waste! I will personally go door to door to my neighbors to get them to use it once we have the bins! I encourage one of your callers, Tina to do the same! Listeners should also be encouraged to donate any reusable items, like toys & furniture to their local assistance centers. I can't get over half the stuff I see people put to the curb when someone else could put it to good use, which in turn avoids a landfill & helps our environment!
95	Rita Wendell	Fulton, Texas	It's like no effort is being made to re-cycle, conserve or clean-up. It's time, no, it's past time, to care about our world.
96	Michelle Seymour	Houston, Texas	I would appreciate curb-side glass pick-up and extended programs for paper (packaging and paperboard products) and other plastics.

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97	Melody Reid	Houston, Texas	<p>I am elated that I chose to go in to work late today and was able to hear your show. Thank you for being the champion for this cause. I am a native Houstonian that moved away from '89-'04 and recycling has been a source of contention for me for the past 4 years since moving back (Ms. Marks should look into the City of Dallas' recycling program if she wants to only compare Houston to other Texas cities - they're doing something right up there). Below is a paste and copy of an email I sent to the Director of Solid Waste Disposal just last week: I am emailing you today with great frustration and despair over the City of Houston's current recycling program (or lack thereof, in my case). I am a native Houstonian that moved away for 15 years and moved back to make Houston my home 4 years ago. I can't believe that in 2008, it is so difficult to recycle in a city of our size. I don't know if you personally recycle and are aware of the pains that must be taken in order to keep recyclable items out of our landfills. Perhaps you are fortunate enough to live in one of the few neighborhoods that already have curbside recycling. I do not. I have to clean and separate all of my recyclable items daily, which amounts to about 85% of all of my waste. I have to hold on to the items until they overflow in their designated space in my garage. Then, I have to load up my car with all of this recyclable waste and spend my time and gas (now at \$3.55/gallon) to take it to one of the sparsely located drop sites. I live on the NW side of the city. I have to drive to the Heights to an unmanned drop site where I have to park my car in the middle of a dangerous lot. I then have to walk to each of the 5 or 6 huge dumpsters to drop in my separated recyclables. Most of the time, the dumpsters are completely full and I have to lay the items beside the dumpsters. Also, the dumpsters are typically contaminated with items that are not allowed in that dumpster. I go through this process about twice per month and have been doing so since I moved here 4 years ago. I know other residents in my neighborhood are performing this same recycling process monthly. I am aware of the drive-through location on Westpark, but it is only open from 8-5 M-S. In order to use this facility (which does not save me any gas or time, it only keeps me from having to go from overflowing dumpster to overflowing dumpster), I would have to go during office hours, leaving my jobsite with my car full of trash. After hundreds of attempts to get through to the 3-1-1 City of Houston Information and Assistance line, I was finally successful today. I was told that in order to get curbside recycling in my community, I must jump through hoops to even get on a waiting list. Along with the other numerous requirements for getting a curbside recycling program in my community, I was told that I must provide the exact number of homes in my neighborhood and a map of my community. I was told that in order to get a map of my community, I must go downtown to the basement of 611 Walker to the City of Houston Maps. This is absurd! The amount of time, gas, and energy I spend in order to stop filling landfills and save our planet is counter-productive. How can we expect our citizens to embrace a recycling program when it is not even offered and when we make it so difficult to get operational?! We are the fourth largest city in the nation and in this day of GO GREEN HOUSTON and with campaigns like STOP TRASHING HOUSTON, I find it hard to swallow that we offer such little support to those trying to make a difference and embrace these Houston initiatives. GO GREEN HOUSTON is offering \$5000 rewards to the neighborhoods with most improved recycling!!! That money would be better spent by getting curbside recycling to more neighborhoods! Please re-evaluate the current program and expand recycling to more neighborhoods. Please see recycling as a requirement and not an option.</p>
98	Diana Lescamela	Richmond, Texas	Not happy with the City's recycling efforts to-date. Hope the petition will have a positive effect on the mayor's office and city council.
99	Suzanne Gibbs	Houston, Texas	Take a look at the curb-side recycling program in Fort Worth, Houston can do better. http://www.fortworthgov.org/dem/info/default.aspx?id=8434
100	Mary Nguyen	Porter, Texas	IF Plano and Dallas can do it, so can Houston. As a 25 year former resident of Houston I urge you to develop a recycling plan that works.
101	Patrick Madrid	Plano, Texas	

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102	Wes Reid	Brooklyn, New York	I am a Houston native. Although I am living in New York now, all of my family still resides in Houston. I still own a condominium in River Oaks and visit Houston frequently. When living in Houston, it was always a difficult task to be environmentally responsible in terms of recycling. I always frequented the recycling centers on Westpark and the one just off Heights Blvd. However, there never seemed to be any initiative on the whole to provide this as an integrated part of the waste management service in Houston. After living in New York (and any burrough around the city), it is a part of daily life. You are actually frowned upon if you don't take care of your trash and recycling properly. Apartment buildings and property owners are actually fined by the city if recycling is not properly separated. Recycling is part of trash pickup provided by the city.
103	Jerry Carlson	Houston, Texas	I appreciate the dependability of our curbside pickup. I am disappointed it doesn't take glass and cardboard other than corrugated (i.e. cereal boxes, etc. which I take to the West U Center). I STRONGLY urge Houston to exchange our green laundry baskets for the blue (or any color) trash bins like Dallas uses and take glass and ALL cardboard. Bins are rainproof!!! our laundry baskets are not. I also request a) Houston have a recycling committee which includes residents and b) begin a gray water usage program for those wanting it for lawns and gardens.
104	Liuda Flores	Houston, Texas	
105	Kevin White	Houston, Texas	At my condo, we have to collect our recycleables and take them to the reclamation center ourselves. Imagine how much better this would be if the city organized it.
106	Abigail Bennett	Houston, Texas	Currently I have to drive to be able to recycle my glass; this is ridiculous. The service our sub-division pays for needs to be extended to include glass and cardboard. It is illogical that most of Europe has been doing this for years and yet Houston is unable to. Also, our schools and other large institutions need to be included; our school has started to recycle but the current solution is cumbersome and time-consuming. A kerbside collection that includes schools should be available.
107	J Evans	Houston, Texas	
108	Sheri Voight	Houston, Texas	
109	Claire Hudson	Houston, Texas	
110	David Harris	Humble, Texas	If Houston is only recycling 2.5% there has to be lots of low hanging fruit opportunities. What does it say about our town when the highest land masses are land fills? Houston let's go!
111	Margaret Tollner	Lakewood, California	I AM NOT PLEASED WITH OUR CITIES RECYCLING PROGRAM!!! Office of the Mayor, City of HoustonI believe there is a need in Houston to educate and urge the citizens to care more and understand the importance of recycling. The city needs to have an active campaign to focus more on this issue via television, radio billboards etc.Possibly there could be a campaign with either another city or different parts of Houston on who does the best at improving their recycling and give this effort a lot of publicity. To get young people and schools involved as well would help the young people to realize that their part in this is very important. There is too much trash on the streets and parking lots, which is simply lack of education on respect to public places and keeping them clean, as one would one's home. The recycling mindset is all about keeping the environment healthy for all of us to enjoy and appreciate. Let us be considerate with each other as well as the environment!Sincerely,Aila Noake
112	Valarie Jones	Spring, Texas	
113	Aila Noake	Houston, Texas	
114	Susan Mckeon	Houston, Texas	The recycling rate of 2.5% is shameful for a city this big. We can do better! The program should be expanded, not reduced. Add glass and other items such as electronics so that these items will not add to our landfills. They are a start but need extensive improvement and expansion.
115	Marco Enriquez	Houston, Texas	
116	John Bartos	Houston, Texas	
117	Gustavo Flores	Houston, Texas	

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118	Helmut Ripke	Houston, Texas	Recycling is NOT AN OPTION, it is a requirement for our continued occupation of this our planet Earth. Having grown up in post-war East Germany we did not think about recycling - it was a lifestyle brought about by necessity. The time has come to reconsider our priorities for the use of our (not unlimited) resources. I respectfully ask our mayor and the city counsel to consider expanding the current recycling program to include a lot more of what we now so thoughtlessly throw away. You might consider economic incentives to get the Go Green Houston campaign off the skids. I particularly would like to see more done in the way of battery recycling - very poisonous to the environment when dumped in the landfill. Currently one is being urged by battery manufacturers and Waste Management to not dispose of these ubiquitous items in the trash. I have been saving these in a couple of ever-growing cardboard boxes in the garage. Upon inquiry to the city and Waste Management I was told I could bring them to a fairly remote site and pay by weight for dropping them off. Is this any way to encourage people not to pollute? Since no convenient way is offered by the city to dispose of these chemical polluters it is no wonder that people choose to ignore the hazard warnings and the consequences be damned! I would like to propose to make the manufacturers of batteries responsible for the recycling of their product, just like we now see car and electronics equipment makers across Europe made responsible for the recycling of cars and PCs. If they can do it, I am confident that we here in Houston with all the technology and engineering resources at hand can manage to do BETTER.
119	Vikram Ambrose	Houston, Texas	I am very disappointed with Houston's waste disposal services. Recycling is a small thing to do to not only help the environment but also the economy. So even if you are not an environmentalist, you should want products for a cheaper price.
120	Shondra O'Shields	Katy, Texas	
121	Cara Gubrud	Milaca, Minnesota	
122	Jeremy Buckler	Houston, Texas	even within the state our efforts in houston pale in comparison to Dallas and other cities.
123	Cheyenne Ramos	Houston, Texas	
124	Michael Savino	Houston, Texas	We are far behind other (smaller) cities in recycling. When you factor in the cost waste has on the environment, it's clear that we can't afford NOT to reduce, reuse and RECYCLE. Let's move into the 21st century, please!
125	Barry Sankar	Cypress, Texas	
126	R Brannan	Houston, Texas	I think recycling should be a standard part of the city's waste disposal policy. There should be recycle collections in every neighborhood and there should be collection points in more locations throughout the city especially for glass, plastic and paper.
127	Emily Zermeno	Houston, Texas	Houston falls behind in so many areas - here is one we can run with - if we have Mayor White's encouragement and if recycle bins are available in every neighborhood and apt complex or the City will pick up in all neighborhoods. Why does the city not pick up glass - both clear and colored? Why do we have such small containers? Shame on us. We can do better with the right leadership. Lets go for it, Mayor White.
128	Tania Naim	Beirut, Lebanon	
129	Megan Casillas	Houston, Texas	We can do it, Houston!
130	Lisa Shannon	Houston, Texas	
131	Marybeth Smith	Houston, Texas	I live in a nice apartment complex, surrounded by other nice apartment complexes. There is currently no way for us to recycle bottles, cans, paper, or plastic at home. Please help make Houston greener, less wasteful, and more beautiful!
132	Dave Sennett	York, Pennsylvania	
133	Alicia Smith	Griggsville, Illinois	
134	David Herne	Houston, Texas	

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135	T J	Houston, Texas	Our family has recently moved to Irving, TX. Their recycling program is INCREDIBLE! They will accept nearly any recyclable item in a commingled blue bag (simple, with weekly pickup). I recommend that City of Houston discuss the program with City of Irving to determine logistics and possible improvements to the Houston Program. List of items collected at the curb in Irving that Houston does not - Paperboard, Glass (all types), Plastic (3-7, except 6). We lived in Houston for 10 years, and usually took ALL our recycling to West University due to the fact that they took paperboard and glass. Also, Houston is the center of the plastics mfg universe, and I would assume that nearly all plastic is reusable as feed stock for these companies. No, there needs to be more locations (maybe working with community groups to save tax money)and citizen education. It needs to be a priority.
136	Richard Uzzell	Houston, Texas	
137	John Miller	Bartlett, Illinois	
138	Traci Pastrana	Houston, Texas	
139	Michael Briden	Houston, Texas	I am very unhappy with the City of Houston's recycling program. My family participates every week, by recycling all we can, but after reading about San Francisco's program, I realize how little we are doing.
140	Maryscott Hagle	Houston, Texas	
141	Jennifer Garza	Houston, Texas	Let's get it together Houston. I'm tired of the infrequent recycling pick up and wimpy little crates. Also, what about glass? We also need to have pick-up for the eco-friendly compact flourescent lightbulbs -- they contain mercury!
142	Ashley Futerfas	Huffman, Texas	
143	Tammy Taylor	Huffman, Texas	Recycling is so important for a city the size of Houston. When I lived in Austin, which is considerably smaller, the city participates in recycling.
144	Franziska Eber	Oldenburg, Germany	
145	James Herald	Fort Wayne, Indiana	
146	Alexander Lagos	Brooklyn, New York	I grew up in Houston and my family still lives there. This is something that should have gone into effect long ago. It's actually embarrassing that it takes a petition to garner attention to the issue. Houston is a great city making great changes but this will be it's greatest and most important change if it is done.
147	Hannah Way	Belmar, New Jersey	
148	Ebba Lucander	Deer Park, Texas	I moved to a small city outside of Houston for my husband's new job in November of 07. I grew up in northwest Washington where recycling was simply a way of life. I lived in northern and southern California where recycling was also a provided service. I must have been naive thinking that recycling would never be a huge dilemma in my life. I currently don't have a car and no buses come near me. I have, all along my bedroom wall, a very large collection of items that need to be recycled. I refuse to just throw it away, so it sits in my bedroom.It literally makes me sick to my stomach, that people here don't even know how to recycle. They don't know what can be recycled, or why they should do it. It is imperitive that the city of Houston, and every other city, not only set up a more effective recycling program, but also educate it's citizens about how to recycle and why it is so important. If you choose to make Houston a model city in recycling, I'm sure the smaller cities surrounding it, like the one I live in, will join in the efforts, so Please Be The Change!
149	Heather Gregory	Cullowhee, North Carolina	
150	M.K. Biesel	Houston, Texas	If other cities can do it, why can't Houston?
151	Ed Mccullough	Houston, Texas	I am disappointed and very unhappy that the neighborhood closest to me does not have recycling pickup by the city of Houston. I live in an apartment complex where there is no recycling, and would gladly carry my steel cans, glass and plastic over to someone else's recycling box if one existed. My alternative is to burn gasoline and put wear on my automobile to drive my recyclables to the Westpark collection location, but that is very wasteful. I am always amazed to see bags of lawn grass clippings in any part of Houston, sitting by the curb for inclusion with regular garbage. Why is there not a big composting operation in Houston making new usable soil?We need to safeguard our future by working a little bit now.

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152	Aiz T	Saskatoon, Canada	
153	Delicia Harvey	Houston, Texas	
154	Lance Barbin	Houston, Texas	
155	Walker Ross	Houston, Texas	
156	Jeffrey Kolb	Houston, Texas	No....you need to add to your pickup clear glass, color glass and number 6 plastic.
157	William Strik	Houston, Texas	
158	Nancy Milligan	Patricksburg, Indiana	
159	David Dunkleberger	Doylestown, Pennsylvania	
160	Hector Casillas	Houston, Texas	
161	Frank Phlegar	Kingwood, Texas	My wife and I are shocked at the 2% recycling rate in Houston. We recycle all of our recyclables and consequently have very little trash to be picked up. We have to take everything to the recycling location ourselves and have no problem with doing that. If there were a fee, we would be willing to pay it.
162	Michael Barth	Santa Cruz, California	
163	Kori Leman	Houston, Texas	We need easier and more accessible ways to recycle in Houston.
164	Karen Vday	Indianapolis, Indiana	
165	Nancy Vana	Omaha, Nebraska	
166	Christina Beck	Burlington, Canada	
167	Steve Dale	Frankston,Victoria, Australia	
168	Jerome Crowder	Houston, Texas	We are so committed to recycling that we will happily drive our recyclable waste to a center to deposit it properly -- we take our glass, plastics, newspapers, and other materials to the Bellaire center-- come on Houston, get with the program! Everyone in the city should have access to recycle and the city should require that everyone living within the city limits do so!
169	Laura Zanoli	Clusone/Bergamo, Italy	
170	Fatos Huigen	Amsterdam, Netherlands	
171	Jennifer Cano	Houston, Texas	We can do soooo much more! Houston's percent rate is disgusting!
172	Victoria Thomas	Jackson, Wyoming	
173	Isla Jones	Houston, Texas	
174	Eric Griffin	Las Vegas, Nevada	http://www.thepetitionsite.com/2/stop-torture-and-abuse-of-power
175	Glenn Byrnes	Sylmar, California	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
176	Chum Richardson	Maple Ridge, Canada	
177	Romeo Montalvo	Houston, Texas	
178	Parth Sarathi Mahapatra	Cuttack, India	
179	Kelly Davis	Costa Mesa, California	
180	Perry Primm	Houston, Texas	We at least have a start, but we can do much better. There is a moral imperative to do so. People will not mind paying to do the right thing, and in the end, it always costs less to do the right thing.

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181	Melissa Noble	Houston, Texas	must add glass. I recycle mail, food to community gardens, etc. I commented at an art opening the other night to start recycling ..Owner said it all goes to the same place and to follow the truck..That is just a scam. Colleges, schools festivals all need to get in on the act. I like the mandatory concept.It is all a mind set and change of habit..Tell the city to sdtop the rhetoric.Actually I want to move to Austin for this reason. It is now a leading city with regards to green living. Houston is an example of what not to do. In Germany I noticed recycling bins at every grocery parking lot, train stops and parks etc.They are smaller and it is turn key. Going out of the way uses gas and time.Instead of pick up take them to these sort of locations. People go to all of these..Boy am I glad you are doing this...
182	Dinda Evans	San Diego, California	
183	Gayle Degeurin	Houston, Texas	I am always concerned of the un preparedness of the city and county, schools and university, airlines, etc. to re-cyle. Awareness of the deluge of our garbage- rubbish is still in the ignorance stage. If you really want to make a profit for the city, re-cycle and require all merchants to stop offering unnecessary packing...dry-cleaners & newspapers
184	Deborah Thelen	New York, New York	
185	Tyler Rud	Deer Creek, Minnesota	
186	Rochelle Ellison	Houston, Texas	Houston MUST step up it's recycling awareness. it is so inconvenient for me to carry glass, plastic, paper and aluminum over to westpark every few weeks. austin has trucks that come in every neighborhood and has been doing this for years. even pearland picks up. please use your influence to change the apathy and laziness of the Houston residents and services.
187	Pooja Bhatia	Houston, Texas	I just moved to Houston and when I asked my new apartment complex about recycling, I was surprised to hear the response 'We don't recycle here.' I was very disappointed to learn that there isn't a recycling pickup by a city the size of Houston. I learned that the only alternative is to burn gas and drive recyclables to a collection location. In order to make that trip worthwhile we would have to hold on to a carload of recyclables and even then we would still burn gas while we need to conserve every bit of this non-renewable resource. I've lived in several cities where I never had to give recycling a second thought as it was a part of life and didn't realize I would have to figure out how to go about it here in Houston.
188	Winston P. Crowder	Houston, Texas	I use the recycling center on West Park, but for those things it doesn't take (paint, yard poisons, etc.) I can't go to the disposal center on South Post Oak Road (I think), and its hours are too short, and at the wrong time for me. There should be complete recycling of everything, and I don't know why the City of Houston doesn't do it. Let's get REAL green.
189	Cheryl Hensley	Houston, Texas	I believe the recycling program could be better in Houston. The first thing I would change, is adding plastic #5 to the program. So many household food items are packaged in this material. I would also add cardboard other than corrugated such as cereal boxes, 12 pack boxes. I would also like to see curbside for glass, but do understand why that was discontinued. There needs to be plastic bottle recycling at all parks, not just memorial. I would be willing to pay a small fee to increase recycling. Better yet, impose a fee for more garbage but have recycling free. Many other cities implement this system.
190	Brittanie Holland	Houston, Texas	
191	Debbie Geno	Grover, Missouri	
192	Kana Talukder	Kolkata, India	
193	Laurel Burns	Portland, Maine	
194	Cheyenne Wolf	Missoula, Montana	
195	Thomas Pirovano	Bern, Switzerland	
196	Laurel Watson	Maricopa, Arizona	
197	Can Atik	Ankara, Turkey	
198	Diana Markuson	Conroe, Texas	
199	Noelle Bricker	Davis, California	

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200	Steve Klein	Montreal, Canada	
201	Jessica Drummond	Houston, Texas	I suggest charging each household per bag of trash. Then more Houston homes will be motivated to recycle. Most household waste can be recycled. Homes will be motivated to compost, and the city can pick up and recycle most kinds of plastic, glass, cardboard, metal and paper. In Ann Arbor, where we are moving from, you can recycle nearly everything except #7 plastic. Houston is a much larger city, and as a leader in the energy sector should be leading the way in cutting edge energy solutions such as recycling, alternative energy, conservation, and R&D.
202	William Stange	Houston, Texas	My children ask me why we recycle? I have been telling them there are two reasons, number one is because we can. Number two is because we should, it's the right path to take. I cannot tell you enough of what Mr. William McDonough has done to bring light on this subject. We are the only organisms on this planet that do not return to the planet what we take from it, we DO live on a finite system it's about time we realized it!
203	Duane Hadley	Houston, Texas	This a much needed service. Coming from a country that has recycling bins at parks, beaches and malls, I find it very disappointing Houston has a token effort in recycling.
204	Ana Kowalczyk	Istanbul, Turkey	
205	Courtney Cooper	Streetsboro, Ohio	
206	Tristan Fallis	Kalispell, Montana	
207	Mati Chavira	Houston, Texas	
208	Lori Darnell	Katy, Texas	Recycling should already be a natural part of our lives, but for many people it is not. Not only should people be open to paying more for the service, but those that choose not to recycle should be assessed additional landfill fees.
209	Susan Modikoane	Houston, Texas	
210	Bridget Fitzgerald	Houston, Texas	I was shocked when I first moved to Houston at the lack of recycling opportunities and the lack of an emphasis on it by the citizens. I currently drive to the Westpark Recycling Center every couple weeks to drop things off. I wish that my neighborhood had curbside recycling so that maybe more people would participate.
211	Douglass Simmons	Houston, Texas	We try to recycle as much as we can and what is not picked up every two weeks we take to a recycling center (glass etc). We take old paint and chemicals to South Post Oak. I would urge continuing the heavy trash pick up once a month.
212	Alpha Wi	Ww, Germany	
213	Sheree Aramini	Edison, New Jersey	
214	Andrea Grover	Houston, Texas	
215	Lucy Lee	Houston, Texas	Its a shame that so many Houston-area citizens are willing to recycle, if it were more readily accessible. Free bins & weekly/monthly pickups would encourage participation.
216	D B	Irving, Texas	Houston should be leading the standards rather than making excuses.
217	Marcos Vargas	Houston, Texas	
218	Phyllis Vargas	Katy, Texas	
219	Jon Lennard	Houston, Texas	Currently I drive to the facility on Westpark to drop off my recycling. I'm sure most citizens find this unworkable.
220	Julia Powell	Houston, Texas	
221	Lisa Francis	Houston, Texas	
222	Joe Termina	Houston, Texas	This is important to the city and it's residents.
223	Dian Austin	Houston, Texas	I am an avid recycler and would like to see Houston rise to the top of those cities that are models for others.
224	Amanda Howard	Houston, Texas	i wish that houston would collect glass containers and ALL paper goods, including food packaging in the curbside pick-up, bins with lids may help prevent the contents of bins from spilling out into the street or getting soggy after rain. Also there are alot more types of recycleable plastics than 1's and 2's, our city sould make a more dedicated effort to include ALL materials that have the possibility of reuse not just limiting our self to trash but building and yard waste too. Houston boasts of how modern a city we are, its time we started acting modern.

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225	Maryjane Black	Houston, Texas	Our family recycles all that is allowed by the City of Houston. It is not enough and so bimonthly make a trip to a recycle center to take items not allowed by the City. It is shameful that a City this size is not doing more.
226	Debbie Greco	Houston, Texas	I would like to Houston increase its recycle efforts. My family recycles what is allowed in the curb pickup and brings glass bottles and other paper products to the recycle center. However, we still throw away too much trash. This City is far behind in its willingness to address an issue that is becoming more and more important. In order to increase the appeal of Houston, a much more intense recycling effort needs to be made.
227	Lisa Buckner	Houston, Texas	I currently drop off my families recyclable plastic, glass, metal, cardboard and electronics at the Westpark Recycling Center about once a month since we live in a townhouse (curbside pickup is in available). I drop off newspaper & paper at the school in my neighborhood. I wish it were easier for apartment/condo/townhome residents to recycle so more would participate.
228	Jennifer Moran	Arleta, California	I recycle all glass I have at Westpark, I think more people in the Montrose and Midtown should ride bikes, way to many cars for the short distances being travelled. There needs to be a recycling center in Montrose or Midtown area.
229	Andrew Spinella	Houston, Texas	
230	Dolores Colunga-Stawitz	Houston, Texas	save the planet! I am VERY ashamed about the Houston Recycling diversion rate. This is very sad & I am very interested in this issue because I BELIEVE in global warming, and we all need to work together to save our planet. I have a 2year old and I hope everyday that people open their eyes and actually see that they CAN make a difference!
231	Sara Knight	Spring, Texas	
232	Victoria Luna	Houston, Texas	
233	Yvonne Aguirre	Houston, Texas	As the 4th largest city in the country, we should have many more recycling centers. I live in the Hieghts and have to go to West U to recycle. In addition, there is nowhere to recyle electronics safely. We need to use the cities resources to help solve the disgracfull problem.
234	Aroldo Luna	Houston, Texas	We need to get involved as our city is THE 4th Largest in the country!
235	Stuart Krohn	Houston, Texas	Our curbside recycling pickup stopped years ago - our neighborhood has been forgotten.
236	Hans-Martin Maurer	Houston, Texas	The recycling center on Westpark is a good start, but too far away for me to drop off dangerous materials on a regular basis
237	Elisabeth Goodwin	Houston, Texas	Mayor White has encouraged us to cut down on what we put into our landfills, but, without more ability to recycle, how can this be possible? Especially with all the ridiculous packaging that we put around our items. We need to have a trash can for recycle and a small bin for our trash. We now have it backwards. We pay to have our trash hauled off to a landfill, why not pay to have it taken to a recycle plant? Does recycle have to make money? Our trash pickup costs money and goes into a landfill.And, why can't our city be a green city by adding recycle cans to the park areas? While at an Astros game on their green day, everyone was drinking beer and cokes all in plastic, recyclable containers and throwing them away in the regular trash cans. But, the Astros were wearing green caps, so we were then all green. We should have recycle cans at all of our sport facilities. That would be the green thing to do instead of wearing green baseball caps that were made in China.
238	Janet Ramsey	Houston, Texas	
239	Katie Leggett	Cleveland, Texas	
240	Sarah Austin	Houston, Texas	
241	David Whiteside	Houston, Texas	We have recycled all over the U.S. and believe it works. Please consider working on this. Cindy Whiteside
242	Maurice Johnson	Houston, Texas	NO MORE EXCUSES PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
243	James Little	Houston, Texas	
244	Clyde Crandall	Lowell, Massachusetts	
245	Arthur Zarrow	Houston, Texas	
246	Marianna Wood	Houston, Texas	

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247	Chris Hedrick	Houston, Texas	
248	Laura Marcinkowski	Houston, Texas	Houston's 2% position for recycling is beyond BAD. My condo has nothing but 2 dumpsters for garbage and no recycling pick up. I must drive 2 miles out of my way in order to recycle. I think that our wonderful city should be equal to California and probably better.
249	Otis Maclay	Houston, Texas	
250	Terry L. West	Morgantown, West Virginia	
251	Raphael Sher	Houston, Texas	I personally use as little metal, paper, glass and other materials as possible, choosing to eat and use close to the source. And I reuse most of the packaging products that I do buy. Therefore, I have very little to recycle, however, I do recycle every bit of paper, metal, glass, packaging that I do use. I support the requests in this petition. Of course, we need to learn from other cities rather than learn by mistakes. I would like to see variable sized recycling bins, with major increases in monthly charges for each bigger size. I would like to see smaller garbage bins and a major program to educate people on the concept of avoiding buying stuff with packaging as much as possible. I only have to put out my garbage bin once a month and my recycle bin every other month, because I have learned how to live without packaging - tap water or reverse osmosis system rather than new bottled water every day, bulk grains rather than boxed grains, bulk beans rather than canned beans, fresh tomatoes rather than canned, electronics that don't come in plastic packaging, etc. The effort of the City of Houston can be significantly enhanced, and city codes/laws can be established to reward those who create less waste, and monetarily (and other ways) penalize those who create lots of waste.
252	Terri Thomas	Houston, Texas	When asked what one may do to help the environment, my answer is politics and recycle. Everybody can recycle, change a light bulb and contact their elected officials. Houston is the 4th largest city in the nation with a poor record for recycling. It does not have a large Earth Day celebration. Mayor White has done a lot for Houston, and implementing a great recycling program and creating a city wide Earth Day celebration before he leaves office will be another jewel in his performance as mayor.
253	Myrna Lehrer	Houston, Texas	
254	Anthony Montapert	N Hollywood, California	
255	Aimee Wilson	Houston, Texas	I live in a condo and we have zero access to recycling! It's sad that I live 1 mile from one of our city's largest natural spaces (Memorial Park) and I have to go to another city (West U) to recycle. Why not install public recycling stations like the one off Westpark and Kirby in West U near dense populations. I am certain they would get high use if I'm driving 5 miles to get to one. As awareness rises, not everyone will be willing to change if it's not relatively convenient.
256	Carrie Cochran	Houston, Texas	I also live in a condo near Memorial park. If I had easy access to recycling I would use it, even if I needed to pay a fee for it.
257	Jerrell Altic	Houston, Texas	This has to get better! We need more drop off locations like the one at Westpark & Kirby...Come on now Mayor you are better than this...This easily fits into your get Houston moving slogan...The price is minimal compared to the impact it will have over the next several years.
258	Sara Rutledge	Houston, Texas	On my street I have seen tree trimmings, clothing, and aluminum cans in people's garbage cans. This is appalling. We need to start charging people for their garbage, give them smaller garbage cans, fine them if they don't recycle, etc. San Jose, CA is a leader in these efforts. Austin has made changes recently to pick up yard waste separately. Please pick one or two efforts and start something. Houston must do better.

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259	Jeremy Rutledge	Houston, Texas	Our family in San Jose have a small trash bin and a much larger recycle bin. They are charged for extra bags for trash that exceeds the volume of the small bin, encouraging them to recycle. I would advocate a similar plan for Houston. Everyone can and should recycle. Our 2% rating is a complete embarrassment. We cannot wait any longer to begin reusing things and recycling them. For the benefit of everyone, I urge Mayor White and the city government to take action. Let's make Houston a greener place to live and a city of which we can rightly be proud.
260	Jennifer E. Moore	Houston, Texas	Houston has got to do better with recycling! The general public's consciousness is rising in regards to climate change and taking better care of our planet. The time is ripe to roll out new recycling programs!
261	Jack Brandt	Houston, Texas	We go to a great deal of effort to save, separate and sort all of the items we use that can be recycled. As a native Houstonian it is disturbing to me that Houston ranks so low in terms of those who see recycling as beneficial. More must be done by our city (and county) administrators to educate and encourage compliance.
262	James Nelson	Houston, Texas	I know we can do more to recycle and save resources. I am happy to be able to send a signal that we want our local governments to put more emphasis on recycling.
263	Jackie Griggs	Pasadena, Texas	
264	Danielle Weiler	Houston, Texas	I am originally from a Chicago suburb in which we pay for garbage and recycling is free. What a great way to encourage recycling and discourage filling landfills! Houston needs to consider a similar program.
265	Ravi Sankaran	Houston, Texas	Houston definitely has room to improve here! I recycle as much as I can. I am disappointed to learn the City of Houston is going to discontinue the curbside recycling program in some areas of town. I wish recycling was encouraged at public events and in restaurants, also I wish we still had glass recycling. Mayor White, Houston needs to recycle!
266	Camellia May	Houston, Texas	
267	Genie Mims	Houston, Texas	The current recycling program is a good start but needs to be expanded. Recycling should be mandatory. Instead of asking those who participate to pay a voluntary fee, anyone who refuses to recycle should be required to pay a fine. This would both encourage participation and assure a decrease in the amount of refuse taken to the landfills.
268	Thomas Day	Houston, Texas	If it is true that Houston only recycles 2% of its waste, that is embarrassing and inexcusable. We must do our part...
269	Nuntanit Bumrungsap	Bangkok, Thailand	
270	Jerry Yellen	Houston, Texas	My dream is to see BIG recycling wheelies on the streets in the morning and very small trash baskets, that is, a reversal of the current arrangement. I think, with a little encouragement and education, Houstonians can get on board the recycling effort.
271	James Crabtree	Houston, Texas	
272	Gaelyn Godwin	Houston, Texas	
273	Scott Krauszer	Billings, Montana	
274	Bob Wilkerson	Houston, Texas	I lived in Houston just a year ago, and still have many friends and family who live there. It looked like they were starting a big push towards curbside recycling, etc. I guess by the numbers, that has not been a building block on recycling efforts. Big metropolitan city should be doing better. Meet the challenge of the day! Use public money for public good instead of sports stadiums and business supporting mini-rail systems. Revive the concept of commonwealth, and make our environment better for all of us. Bob Wilkerson
275	Lauren Salomon	Houston, Texas	I know you are supportive of recycling-I actually met you briefly at the park as you pulled up in your Prius! I hope you are convinced that many other Houstonians feel the same way, and would be very likely to recycle if they had curbside recycling. Since I moved to West University, I have been recycling a LOT more than I did when I had to collect and shlep somewhere--and I'm a big recycling supporter! I am confident that curbside recycling for the rest of the city will increase our numbers significantly. Thanks for your support! Lauren Salomon

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276	James Cooke Wilson	Houston, Texas	I have made several attempts to allow recycling in our neighborhood. The problem lies with our private collection company. They refuse to pick up recyclables unless the neighborhood has at least 150 homes. At 25 homes we could never qualify. I am certain that they use this as an excuse to avoid the hassle and extra effort involved to recycle. This attitude by the collection company could be changed if all of their customers banded together and threatened to move to another company.
277	Karen Oquain Wilson	Houston, Texas	We recycle as much and as often as possible. Unfortunately, recycling pickup is not available in our community. However when I called to try make that happen I was told that we needed 100 houses to do so. We utilize the city's recycling center on 59. When we asked if we could get some recycling containers, we were told that it must be a city pickup! Go figure! Now we still carry our items (paper,plastic,glass) everytime. Not that simple a task in peoples busy lives. I would imagine many more do not bother. I'm ALL for a new recycling program. Also just to note--Randall's does take the plastic bags for recycling--the city center does not and couldn't tell me where to go. Finally found out by making lots of calls. Thanks for asking and caring about our city. Karen OQuain Wilson
278	Frank Blackwood	Houston, Texas	
279	Sophie Szeferowicz	Lille, France	i support this petition.
280	Selena Crochet	Houston, Texas	To Whom It May Concern: I am extremely disappointed in Houston's recycling program. Pickups are too infrequent & many recyclable goods are not accepted. I just moved here from New Orleans. Their program was weekly, & they accepted 3 times the goods you accept. And New Orleans is basically a 3rd world country!! And they can do better then Houston. Also, the strict guidelines discourage people from recycling. After having lived here for 8 months, I have just figured it out... And I am a college graduate with a Master's degree! Houston should be embarrassed! It is disappointing & abhorrent that the city views recycling solely for money making purpossd. It should be an non profitable service that benefits citizens of the city, state, nation & the world. This government should be ashamed of itself.
281	Jacqueline Miller	Houston, Texas	
282	Jeana Hayes- Carrier	Houston, Texas	We do have recycling in our neighborhood every other week. I very much appreciate the service. I am definitely willing to pay for this service and other services supporting recycling.
283	Eric Arbiter	Houston,, Texas	I recycle at a local center and also curbside as much stuff as I can, but I was appalled to learn that Houston has such a low rate of recycling. In this day and age we need to do better
284	Kerry Inman	Houston, Texas	We don't use the curbside recycling because they don't take glass and pickup is too infrequent - - we bring all our recyclables to the West University Center every weekend (they accept glass!) We've also just purchased a composter (from Smith and Hawken) and are thrilled not to be throwing away yard waste and kitchen scraps. The article was fascinating and informative and shows that it can be done, but it takes a huge commitment - let's do it here too!
285	Louise Lanham	Pasadena, Texas	Our city does not have recycling, so I recycle all paper products on my own (the schools here make money from recycling paper, so they all have dumpsters). Unfortunately, my house is too small for other types of collection, and having them outside is not an option (would draw insects and animals!). I would applaud curbside pickup of any kind! I read in the Houston Chronicle recently that they are going to stop curbside pickup in some areas of Houston due to lack of participation. So it does make you wonder if resident indifference isn't also a big part of the problem, not just blame it on the City of Houston. There is a solution, and the city of Hampton, Virginia uses it. Residents there are given small dumpsters, and also recycle bins. The dumpsters are weighed at the time of pickup, and residents are charged accordingly. So, if you choose not to recycle, you pay more for your pickups, which is as it should be!! Believe it, they started recycling.

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286	Jennifer Golub	Los Angeles, California	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
287	L Kidd	Katy, Texas	Does anyone know where to drop off glass close to Katy? I am from the Scotland, my parents are fined if they don't recycle correctly in the 3 bins- garden waste, paper/plastic ,glass. Also once a month they collect batteries. In Ireland, the supermarkets charge 20cents per plastic bag. Their consumption has decreased 90% in 4 years!! Imagine that in America!! In Texas!!
288	Anne Paget	Houston, Texas	In Toronto, Canada they have three types of cans onthe street corners. Cans, Paper and other. It is convenient and painless to put your trash in the right place.Businesses need to recycle. The miniscule amount contributed by residences is not making a dent in the problem. It is a noble gesture that is rather futile in the big picture.
289	Emily Cole	Houston, Texas	we believe in the system and have been very satisfied. we get good service.
290	Veronique Vaillancourt	Houston, Texas	We have lived in other cities, and wish that there was the funding available to do the extensive recycling like other metropolitan cities. We recycle here in Houston, but it would be so great to have a more indepth system supported by our city.
291	Melissa Mchale	Houston, Texas	I'd love to see our recycling program updated.
292	Juli Kring	Houston, Texas	
293	S. L. Smith	Houston, Texas	Our neighborhood is on the recycle program but we are only allowed plastic,cans and paper. For some reason they discontinued glass. Weare satisfied with the service except for the fact that one bin doesn'thold our collection and when the weather is bad it flies down the street.
294	Wendy Schroell	Houston, Texas	Mayor White, thank you for the great efforts you have made for our city, but we are still very far behind much of the country in recycling. I listen to KPFT, 90.1fm and have heard that Houston presently recycles only 2@ of our waste. We can do so much better. Please help.
295	Megan Parks	Houston, Texas	Our neighborhood has curbside recycling (except glass), and it helps us recycle much more than we otherwise would. However we will be moving to a new neighborhood soon without curbside recycling. Help!
296	Gary Yokie	Houston, Texas	I was recycling at the Pinemont and Westpark Centers before curbside pickup. I am grateful for the house-to-house collection in my neighborhood, but I know (thanks to this report and exposure to other communities) that we can do better.
297	Gay Lynn Ingram	Houston, Texas	
298	Rebecca Parker	Houston, Texas	
299	Julienne Herne	Richmond, Texas	We definitely need a better recycling effort put into action in Houston, TX. We as a city need better places to recycle glass, plasitcs and paper so that we can reduce the amount of waste in landfills and recycle the products for reuse. This will cut down on the amount of money each year in cutting down trees or off-gasses produced by creating more plastics (PVC)for business use. I would be willing to contribute \$200.00 per year (per household) to put this money into a good recylcling program.....(several million residence households in Houston, TX) and this should be able to help creat the needed capital to get such a program off the ground and help maintain its ongoing status. The neighborhood that I currently live in does provide paper and plastic pick up (except plastic bags) but doesn't pick up glass. . . I haven't found a local place in Houston to recycle glass yet....help!
300	B.A. Wilson	Houston, Texas	I would strongly support recycling in my neighborhood - Sagemeadow. We have none. I take my recycling to the Ellington Field center. I would like to see it in the whole Sagemont area including the Kirkwood area.
301	Michelle Mills	Houston, Texas	I would love to see a recycle program in my neighborhood. I just seen a land fill recently and it was the biggest pile of trash I ever seen! It was awful to see how much land is taken up because of trash!

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302	Sharron Sanborn	Houston, Texas	Curbside pickup needs larger bins, so we can put more items in each time. Also, we should be able to recycle more things curbside, like GLASS and more plastics. Many of us want to recycle more, but the curbside is so confusing it is hard to know what you can put out and what you cannot. Please increase Houston's recycling efforts. It is the right thing to do for our city and planet!
303	Kay Crawford	Houston, Texas	I live in an apartment complex but love to have a recycling center in the Willowbrook/Champions area that would be willing to pick up our recycling!
304	Stephen Golub	Houston, Texas	We need them to take a larger variety of items. They don't want colored glass, plastic other than bottles, computer parts, toys. We can separate also if we are provided several marked bins of what they should contain. Third, the container we have mainly collects newspapers, because after two weeks it is full of just the paper we receive and no room for other things.
305	John Eastman	Woodside, New York	I've often asked family in Houston why they don't recycle and have regularly heard from them that recycling is a big scam, that all the stuff ends up in the landfill. Not sure where this comes from--maybe Limbaugh?--but I'm curious how widespread it is and whether there are anti-recycling nutjobs similar to those who continue to claim global warming is a hoax.
306	Jill Whitten	Houston, Texas	Dear Mayor White:Please increase the types of plastic that are recycled. Advertise about how to recycle cardboard (it is so easy!) Let us put out our vegetable scraps and milk cartons to make mulch for city or citizen's use. We can do better and we must! Jill Whitten
307	Leigh Hudson	Houston, Texas	I cannot understand how people can throw so much recycling in the trash and not feel guilty. They need education via TV (?) perhaps about how they can do their part for very little extra effort.
308	Kerri Milam	Cypress, Texas	I grew up recycling in New York State, and moving to Texas was a huge step backwards! Please make it easier to recycle plastics (of ALL sorts, not just #1 and 2), metal, paper and glass in Houston via curbside pickup - let Houston be the Flagship City in Texas for recycling and showing the rest of the state that IT CAN BE DONE!!! Surely there are jobs to be created from such an initiative? Think of how attractive our city would be to young professionals looking to relocate!
309	Sarah Pietraszek-Mattner	The Woodlands, Texas	
310	Allen Craig	Houston, Texas	Come on Houston!!! Get it together! Need a glass recycle bin for home pick up too.thanks,Allen
311	Susan Powers	The Woodlands, Texas	
312	Jennifer Feldmann	Houston, Texas	first steps would be more plastics types and glass! next, perhaps mandatory recycling!
313	Lebeth Lammers	Houston, Texas	Oddly enough, I'm attending a meeting today in the tiny town of Utopia, TX where our community is starting a recycling program that at the outset puts Houston's recycling program to shame. Catch up.
314	Kim Yelton	Houston, Texas	It is shameful that a city the size of Houston has such a poor recycling policy. I'm sure we can do better!
315	George Sroka	Houston, Texas	America's fourth largest city can do better with recycling. Much better.
316	Maria Merrill	Houston, Texas	I use the green bins for paper and plastic recycling and so do many of my neighbors on my block. I would recycle glass and paper pulp also if given the opportunity and it was easy. i read the New York Times article last week and was amazed that Houston only recycled 2%. I know that we could do much better and I think educating the public and making it easy to help are key. If there was a 10cent charge on all plastic bottles, containers etc- same with glass- then there would be much less trash on the streets and people would be more likely to recycle. Austin is earth friendly Houston can easily become more so.

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317	Gwendolyn Tompkins	Houston, Texas	I live in an apartment in Oak Forest. I drive all my recycling to the Heights. My fellow apartment dwellers, however, cannot be expected to take such measures to recycle with no city support, education, or encouragement. What percentage of Houstonians are apartment dwellers -- why aren't we doing more to facilitate recycling in apartment buildings? Further, it distresses me that I currently cannot recycle plastics 5 and 6, nor paperboard (even if it is uncontaminated). Lastly, it distresses me that so little is done to support organizational recycling -- I work for the one of the largest employers in Houston ISD -- we in Houston ISD create a huge waste stream, much of which is recyclable (though we have few facilities and even less organizational support), and much of which is the worst kind of landfill material -- styrofoam cups and plates from Aramark, etc. What example are we setting for our city's children when our school district can't recycle? Please broaden the City's recycling program so that we can make a dent in our waste stream -- 2% of our waste stream being recaptured through recycling is a shameful status.
318	David Fawcett	Houston, Texas	I would love to be able to include glass in my recycling and paperboard pieces(cereal and food boxes). We need a recyclables pickup program through all neighbor hoods. I live in zip code 77017 and one does not exist. I know it can be done, its available in other neighborhoods.
319	Jeannie Moss	Houston, Texas	
320	Cesar Mendoza	Houston, Texas	I am impressed with the service at the Westpark recycling center. I wish the city was more proactive about recycling in neighborhoods. I would like to see mandatory recycling city wide. We waste so much and it would be a source of pride for Houston, known as the energy and space capital of the world to be the leader in environmental issues, the next frontier for us. Thank you for your consideration.
321	Laura Fain	Houston, Texas	Houston's program is almost unknown. One of the local churches had a huge recycling bin for newspapers which no longer is on the property. I had to do some research to find the nearest recycling facility, one which is near my area however there are relatively FEW and they're FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.
322	Patricia Smith	Houston, Texas	Dear Mr. Mayor,Even New Orleans, 20 years ago, had a more comprehensive recycling program than Houston currently has. Please find a way to expand the program to include more than 2 kinds of plastic and to include glass. Also, the current cutback in pickup of everything large but tree trimmings is a hardship (but a side issue.) I think it would make sense to issue more bins, or change the bins to larger partitioned ones, if we are to continue sorting everything ourselves. I think that to recycle everything we can is the least we can do as the 4th largest city in the U.S. It is really shameful that we don't. If we must pay a fee to get this program to where it should be, so be it.Thanks for listening,Laurel Sanders & Larry Kintz Our neighborhood contracts with BFI which picks up recycling once a week. Possibly 20% of our block recycles and I'd like to see it mandatory. Let's be the energy, space, and recycling capital of the world !
323	Jaz'Mn Thomas	Houston, Texas	
324	Laurel Sanders	Houston, Texas	Does not make the city look good. It's easy for PR reasons alone for a company to locate elsewhere to enhance their green image. Remaining way behind most other cities will cost Houston money as well as urgent environmental needs. Let's get with it, and save money on landfill and cleanup expenses.
325	Beth Rivera	Houston, Texas	Change,reuse it or loose it. Island Earth. I am fairly happy with recycling in Houston. I do wish they would take glaa bottles again & reduce the restrictions on plastic containers.More information on recycling batteries, fluorescent lights would also be helpful
326	Stephanie Eugster	Houston, Texas	
327	Teri Greene	Houston, Texas	
328	Joseph Prevo	Houston, Texas	
329	Stephen Burton	Houston, Texas	

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330	Cherie Gorman	Houston, Texas	The Houston leadership should stop thinking about recycle in terms of being market driven. We recycle to reuse materials and keep them out of the landfill. It is absurd to think you could increase recycling by charging for it. We should implement charges for taking usable materials to the landfill. We could definitely use some leadership with eliminating plastic bags and replacing them with re-usable (cloth) bags.
331	Vivian Leba	Houston, Texas	I would love for our city to have a more comprehensive recycling program. Education of the masses, not just inserts in the local paper on Earth Day, is important and very much needed here. There is a large section of the population that seems to be confused about what can and can not be recycled as well as the how to-s of recycling. It is important to reach out to those people and show them how easy it really is.
332	Tim Clepper	Sugar Land, Texas	
333	Deana Bowman	Baytown, Texas	
334	Stephanie Acosta	Houston, Texas	
335	Douglas Mischlich	Houston, Texas	Let's get going with recycling now!
336	Denis Maxson	Houston, Texas	
337	Christine Ussher	Houston, Texas	
338	Gale Gorman	Houston, Texas	
339	Janet Williams	Houston, Texas	
340	Laurie Clothier	Houston, Texas	It is incredible how much is recyclable. My family in the UK hardly has any trash. Houston needs to increase its efforts and businesses need to cut down on packaging. Individuals, Business, and Government all have to work together to accomplish this - for ourselves, our children, and the environment. Start recycling Houston!!
341	Cassie Gallagher	Houston, Texas	It is sad that the public waste system will pick up single family homes recycling, but not condos or apartments. I am a condo owner. I take my recycling to a drop off location, but some people are lazy and if we can make it easier for them by having a system pick up.... why not???
342	Adriana Mendoza	Houston, Texas	I look forward to putting my green bin out and wish we could put more of the #5 and #6 plastics in our bins. Many people in our neighborhood have requested bins numerous times and still have not received bins, others are still waiting after 3 weeks, so a quicker delivery of bins would be very helpful. Glass can be recycled over and over and we need to be able to put these in the bins or create a seperate/different colored bin for glass. Unless you have a compactor, glass is heavy and takes up large amounts of space in our trash and landfill. I know of 2 HOA's that do not want recycling due to aesthetic reasons, there needs to be a mass campaign to educate people how easy it is and the importance of doing it. If everyone else does it, they will too! LETS GET GREEN HOUSTON, WE'RE LONG OVER DUE!!!!
343	Stacy Gross	Houston, Texas	
344	Kingslea Thomas	Houston, Texas	We should have mandatory residential AND business recycling. It is just criminal how much recyclable material goes into the trash. Just having paper pickups at offices would make a huge difference. Start fining people and companies if they have recyclables in their trash instead of charging people who are doing the right thing. Let's get with the program and end this embarrassment!
345	Holly Eaton	Houston, Texas	
346	Ken Kral	Spring, Texas	Let's continue to clean up Houston and make it livable for generations to come.
347	Pam Boland	Grovetown, Georgia	Roadside collection does not include glass. The last driver left the plastic bags and took other plastic.
348	Robert Whitworth	Houston, Texas	
349	Wesley Gamble	Houston, Texas	I would like to see curbside pickup of glass. Everyone needs to get on board and reduce trash by 50% with recycling. Quit being so wasteful of our resources. Please make it mandatory for people to recycle, and add glass to Houston's program.
350	Theresa Tilotta	Houston, Texas	
351	John Kenyon	Houston, Texas	The only place we know to recycle plastic bags is Central Market although we use our own 'permanent' bag most of the time. Japan makes residents use clear garbage bags and the city will not collect them if they contain recyclable materials.

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352	Mitra Kia	Katy, Texas	
353	Mary Edwards	Houston, Texas	In order for Houstonians to be more aware of what they waste, the City will have to be more aware. Half the residents on my street don't make the minimal effort to put out the green bin, and I assume it's because they don't see how it really matters. It's an attitude which is supported by city policy.
354	Lynn Murphy	Houston, Texas	
355	Robyn Vann	Houston, Texas	
356	David Brown	Houston, Texas	Houston only recycles 2% of its waste? What's up with that? Not acceptable. For the past several years we have made a family affair. Every Saturday we go to the West U and/or the Westpark recycling centers. As a result, we have reduced our garbage by 75%. It is a priority for my family and many others and I am proud to be a slice of the current 2.5% of recycled Houston. Let's make recycling as a municipal priority, allocate funding and develop a plan to make recycling part of Houston's lifestyle.dab
357	Lucy Anderson	Houston, Texas	We use our paper recycling program religiously, but could use a weekly, not just bi-monthly pickup. Expanding the paper recycling program to downtown businesses would be a big improvement.
358	Christina Giannelli	Houston, Texas	I have been recycling as much as I can by bringing all of my paper, cardboard, plastic bottles and glass to a city recycling center. However I am frustrated by the amount of plastics that I am unable to leave there even though they are clean and properly coded (only bottles are accepted).My sister lives in San Francisco and my mother lives in New York City. Both households are able to recycle more with less hassle. Let's get progressive about this. I want to live in a city that I can be proud of.
359	Elaine Lin	Houston, Texas	
360	William Bolin	Houston, Texas	My small church tried recently to coordinate a recycle event for Houston residents. We wanted to have members bring their hazard recycle items (paint, antifreeze, batteries, oil, electronic gear) to the church parking lot, and we would transport to the City of Houston, South Environmental Service Center. The manager of the Center said NO. The center was for individuals only. ...and he would refuse items from any coordinated recycle efforts.
361	Douglas Helzer	Houston, Texas	To me it is sad that Houston lags so far behind other major cities in the country regarding all aspects of recycling. We are leaders in the realm of energy business and far, far from leaders in areas where we ought to among the strongest. We finally have a competent Mayor in Houston, a person who is interested in more than what is good for business, so let's get with the rest of the enlightened U.S. citizens who are on the ball with recycling!
362	Ariel Thomann	Houston, Texas	Dear Mayor White: - I have lived in Europe where street corner glass recycling bins allowed me to sort clear, green, brown, and miscellaneous color glass. Our neighbor Austin has recycling bins which allow sorting of aluminum, plastic, paper, etc, in many public venues -- why don't we?- You are making significant strides towards improving Houston's eco-consciousness. Please continue to lead the way, but more aggressively if at all possible.Thank you,Ariel J. Thomann, MD
363	Frank Benton	Houston, Texas	
364	Jerry Hu	Houston, Texas	
365	Ivett Garza	Houston, Texas	Yes! I would pay for a better system. How about paying for bags to put trash in (in Michigan, it's a dollar a bag). They pay \$10 to have an appliance picked up. They have machines at stores to recycle your glass and plastic bottles and you get 10 cents per bottle. We need a real program. Houston's recycling is a bit of a joke. Let's do more.
366	Meagan Speer	Houston, Texas	It annoys me when all this talk is going on about recycling, because the majority of the people who say we need to, DO NOT. It really isnt that hard, have a bin in your house, throw your cans, newspapers, cut up papers, papers you dont need in there. If we get the 1000 people that sign this petition to do this, it really will make an impact on our society. My school has recycling bins in every class room, but not every teacher enforces the recycle rule, although i think it should be enforced.
367	Sally Woods	Houston, Texas	I find that the curbside program works well, at least in my neighborhood.
368	M. C. Tompkins	Houston, Texas	More progress! It is shameful that we are so behind the times. Waste = Food so let's get with it!
369	Kat Morton	Houston, Texas	Please start recycling glass again!!

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370	Marilyn Stone	Cypress, Texas	
371	William Fitch	Houston, Texas	WILLIAM S. FITCH
372	Adriana Aquino	Asunción, Paraguay	
373	Victoria Arcene Muraywed	Houston, Texas	
374	Theresa Comstock	Houston, Texas	* We really appreciate being able to recycle & currently use two bins.* We drive to deposit glass since it is not allowed for curbside pick-up.* We already pay taxes for this service. Please do not add fees - this is another form of taxation. If people want to voluntarily donate (voluntary fees) that's fine.* In order to alleviate the need for more landfills, we would like Houston to increase the amount of recycling (media campaigns, incentives, increase ease of recycling.)
375	Douglas Riddle	Houston, Texas	PLEASE improve the pitiful recycling program we have here in Houston. I would be happy to pay an additional \$25/month to have a program more like San Francisco's put into place.
376	Natalie Woodum	Houston, Texas	
377	Lynda Clemmons	Bellaire, Texas	I'm in Bellaire now, and we have a small recycling program but a strong committee dedicated to making improvements. I love Houston and its environs, but it's shameful that people have to be pushed into doing the right thing. We need leadership, education, and of course funding but overall we need for Houstonians to CARE if we are to truly be a world class city.
378	Theresa Kirschke	Houston, Texas	
379	Jennifer Gillespie-Malone	Houston, Texas	Houston leads the way in so many areas, it really is unacceptable that we lag so far behind in recycling. We, along with our children and grandchildren, will have to live with the decisions we make now.
380	Blanca Zamora	Houston, Texas	I think houston should have more recycling bins in more neighborhoods even if the neighborhood has to pitch in something. It will help the community by having a healthy environment and less waste.
381	Kathy Kennedy	Houston, Texas	I think we need to enter the 21st century! It's a shame that we rank so low on the list. It's not a competition, but it is about taking responsibility and caring for the earth which so generously cares for us. I'm willing to do whatever it takes! Kathy Kennedy
382	Jeffery Ann Scoggins	Houston, Texas	
383	Joshua Cowan	Houston, Texas	I believe that an increase in the percentage of people recycling in Houston could greatly be increased through both a knowledge of how it can be done as well as specific opportunities for each community.
384	Carolina Myers	Houston, Texas	
385	Elizabeth Lane	Houston, Texas	
386	K. Johnson	Houston, Texas	My family lived in Norway before coming to Houston -- where the waste pick up was only every other week, due to everything else being recycled. Two mothers and I just launched a plastic recycling program at Memorial High School, the only one in SBSISD district, which is shameful. Houston is not only behind the nation but also behind in the state, we found out through our efforts to find plastic receivers. It's time to change that.
387	William Barfield	Houston, Texas	I just heard that Houston's recycling rate is only 2%. This is an unacceptably low rate and is, in fact, embarrassing when compared to other major American cities.
388	Casey Donohue	Houston, Texas	
389	Anna Wirt	Houston, Texas	Please improve Houston's recycling program. A city as large as this should be recycling much, much more than only 2% of it's recyclable materials! I would be willing to pay a fee for a better system, as I'm sure other citizens would.

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390	Veronica Harford	The Woodlands, Texas	Why is it so hard to re cycle in Houston?Every village in France, and I mean Village not city or town, has recycle bins near the village community center when you can take your glass, plastic, paper, clothes etc. It is at the center of the village and open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. What a simple thing. We cannot even get glass recycled without driving miles, using carbons to further damage the ozone layer, and then only at certain times of the day. We must do more as a city to change this.Bill White, I think you have been an incredible Mayor. Please dont let Houston continue to be one of the worst cities in the USA for recycling.sincerely Veronica Harford
391	Nancy White	Spring, Texas	It is utterly shameful that the City of Houston has not implemented a recycling program. Many citizens now see the need for this and want to recycle. Much could and should be learned from other cities across the U.S. that have done much to lessen landfills and dumps. San Francisco takes food garbage from restaurants and puts into a composte which is used to fertilize the vineyards in Northern California. The same could be done here and it would create more jobs - which will be needed with the economy tanking as it is. Please jump into the 21st century and get Houston on the recycling bandwagon. Thank you.
392	Sean Burg	Kinwood, Texas	The people running the toxic waste disposal are making it impossible for households to disposal of home toxic materials in an efficient way. They insist that neighborhoods, civic clubs, churches, etc. cannot collect the toxics and bring them in to the centers. Instead, only single households can bring their own. Now, because the centers are so far away from where almost everyone lives, it is a great waste of fuel for each household to deliver its own toxics by itself.Hey, this is the most appalling bureaucratic intransigence in the face of rational requests. Do something about it.
393	Herbert Rothschild Jr	Houston, Texas	
394	Susan Henry	Galveston, Texas	Houston's leaders ideas that it is cheaper at the moment to put our waste in land fills is the same kind of short sighted thinking that has allowed automakers to flood the market with gas guzzlers when people want to buy gas sippers. Leaders should be the visionaries of the community. We need Houston's leaders starting with Mayor White to forecast and prepare for the future. It is the simplest notion to understand that there is a finite amount of land fill space, and when it is gone - it is gone. Let's prepare now so we'll be ready to meet the future demands of our rapidly growing community. I urge you to lead Houston - not enable and encourage us to stick our heads in the sand until a crisis is upon us.
395	Cristina Godino	Katy, Texas	Please, stop wasting and start recycling, it literally hurts, every time we throw glas or other materials to the trash.
396	Cami Brewer	Spring, Texas	Let's do our small part to save the planet people!
397	Cathy Crouch	Houston, Texas	
398	Rebecca Kirsch	Houston, Texas	If we all do it, we can make a difference!
399	Suzette Schultz	Galveston, Texas	
400	Sabrina Poblete	San Francisco, California	
401	Mike Hammer	Houston, Texas	S/D had recycle program for 1200 houses.Board terminated due to the cost was \$2,000 more per year than the amout received from selling the materials. Same board spent > \$300,000 to landscape several entres into the subdivision.
402	Alan Smith	Huffman, Texas	in the late sixties/early seventies the city of houstonhad a recycling plant... you did not have to sort anythingit was sorted at the plant... typical houstonian/texan reactionat the time complained of the cost/waste of taxpayers money..i do not think it has changed that much for the better in 35 years...texans are very short sighted and parochial..
403	Louise Nichols	Galveston, Texas	

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404	Leila Feldman	Houston, Texas	I spend a considerable amount of time, energy and gas attempting to recycle materials that are not picked up by the City. I know many people who live in townhouses or apartments who have no on-site recycling, and I know that many downtown business do not recycle at all. This is a complete abomination and needs to change. I would definitely be willing to pay a fee to the City of Houston to upgrade its recycling program to be on par with cities like San Francisco and San Jose, where I grew up. It is morally indefensible for so much of Houston's waste to be filling up landfill space when it could be recycled instead!
405	Scott Weaver	Galveston, Texas	Let's make Houston a leader in environmental responsibility.
406	Jenny Joyce	Houston, Texas	Our neighborhood has waiting list for curbside recycling for over a year and a half. I'm shocked that it is so difficult to get.
407	Betsy Ross	Galveston, Texas	
408	Joanne Heather	Houston, Texas	We try to use the kerbside recycling as much as possible and encourage others to do so, but Houston needs more recycling awareness, facilities to make it easier for people to get started, (eg all cardboard should be accepted, cereal boxes not excluded), and glass recycling should be more readily available. We would be prepared to pay for a variable size bin scheme (because we would only need a small bin). We would also welcome the distribution of composting or worm bins. This is a terribly throwaway society.
409	Myra Mccollum	Galveston, Texas	
410	Rochelle Jackson	Houston, Texas	Please put in place better measures to slow the rate at which the City of Houston is using landfill space and to reduce our use of natural resources. I use the curbside service and only have to put my trash can out every other week while my neighbors don't use it at all and pile trash as high as it can go without spilling over each week. I am the only one on my street who recycles. Please put in place a mandatory recycling program...this has been very effective in other areas.
411	Susan Johnston	Bayou Vista, Texas	I don't live in Houston but I do live down stream on Galveston Bay. Anything you can do to keep trash out of the bayous in Houston has a huge impact on us. Please recycle and keep things that can be recycled out of the landfills. It will help all of us get a little bit greener.
412	Eileen Hatcher	Houston, Texas	Our neighborhood has been deemed too small to have curbside recycling services--hardly seems fair as we pay comparable tax rates. Even though we have a 70% interest (whereas the COH considers 25% adequate), the COH has declined to implement curbside recycling for us. We have to drive to Center Street recycling center which is a 10 mile round trip. *****Houston only recycles Nos. 1 and 2 plastics, but Austin recycles Nos. 1 through 6. ?????? *****Also, there needs to be some sort of safety net to prevent dumping in hidden sites. I'd wager without adequate watchfulness (strong enforcement/increased fines), secluded areas like those in my neighborhood would have an increase in the drive-through dumping which we have fought for so long. WE DONT WANT IMPROMPTU DUMP SITES POPPING UP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS!!! ***** More (and more accessible) sites could be developed in lieu of curbside recycling. In Europe every several blocks, there are bins for glass, plastic and metal recycling. ***** Haz/Mat locations need to be available during convenient times (not just certain times and/or days of the month) and they need to take more items (not paints at one place and batteries at another).
413	Maryann Lecher	Katy, Texas	I recycle 99% of my paper & plastic, curbside. (1 lawnbag full per week) I would like to see lawn/tree clippings, glass, steel, organic waste materials recycled.

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414	Joannie Stratton	Spring, Texas	Given the fact that Houston is the 4th largest city in the US, I believe we should not only implement a recycling program, but be leading the country in these efforts. It's a disgust that we dig holes in the ground to get rid of waste. Landfills are the most inefficient, toxic method of waste removal. Seriously, the leaders of our city need to do something about this problem a.s.a.p!! read somewhere that Japan's garbage trucks are actually waste incinerators that are fueled by the process of incinerating the waste. Why can't America develop something like this?! Imagine how much cleaner our country would be & the expense that would be saved by something like this. It's definately worth the money spent in R & D to institute this.
415	Walton Walker	Spring, Texas	I come to Houston regularly to use what I can of it's recycling programs but more needs to be done. There needs to be more education. Not enough people even understand that this is important. Recycling needs to be mandatory!
416	Jennifer Streeter	Golden Valley, Arizona	
417	Mindy Mayers	The Woodlands, Texas	
418	Nancy Higgs	Houston, Texas	
419	Johnny Shelton	Texas City, Texas	
420	Yigal Kass	Houston, Texas	
421	Yolanda De Leon	Katy, Texas	LET'S TAKE CARE OF WHAT IS LEFT OF OUR EARTH PLEASE
422	Michael Jorissen	Houston, Texas	The Subdivision we live in does not offer recycling. We have to petition, then get a certain number of residents sign, yada, yada, yada. We started asking for no bags, when going to the super-market. I would be willing to pay NO MORE than \$15.00 on my taxes(monthly). Depending on how efficient the new program would be. I would love for this city to change for the better, and my family and I would definitely be supporters and advocaters.
423	Ziba Bastani	Houston, Texas	The recycling in Houston, is too limited, and inefficient. There is too much plastic, that does not get recycled. Much packaging goes into trash. We are polluting the environment, big time. We need to stop using so much disposable stuff. Why pay for recycling? Recycling is a money generating business, when done efficiently.
424	Helen Pugh	Chilcompton, Near Bath, United Kingdom	
425	Eva Gomez	Katy, Texas	
426	Janice Jones	Galveston, Texas	Recycling is the right thing to do for the future generations to come that will inherit the earth we leave to them.
427	Jill Danner	Galveston, Texas	I used to live in CA where curb-side recycling was the norm. When I moved to Houston in 1998, I was astonished how difficult it was to recycle and now that I live in Galveston, I'm experiencing the same difficulties in recycling. ONCE YOU RECYCLE YOU NEVER GO BACK TO NOT RECYCLING! So please make it more convenient to recycle so that we can ALL make more intelligent choices that we can be proud of.Thanks, Jill R. Danner
428	Paul Boor	Galveston, Texas	
429	Amanda Correll	Schulenburg, Texas	I may live in Schulenburg, but I grew up in Houston and spend a lot of time there. I can not believe that in this day and age the city of Houston is not taking a more caring attitude towards saving our planet. You know what waste does. Why not help instead of harm? Only we can turn back the tables of pollution by doing what we can to preserve this planet! It's the only one we've got!
430	Tula Wingerson	Conroe, Texas	
431	Carl Scott	Houston, Texas	I am glad for curbside recycling. I wish that it could include glass and other types of cardboard. Eventually, Houston should find some way to charge for excess weight/volume of household garbage (putting a price on not recycling). This is the most effective way to promote recycling.
432	Livia Bornigiq	Houston, Texas	
433	Laura Pipkin	Houston, Texas	I currently recycle 80% of my trash. I deliver it to one of the local collection sites in Houston. I would like to know that the city pick up included all recyclable items on every trash pick up day.

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434	Ruth Ann Bagnall	Houston, Texas	
435	Amy Kuntz	Houston, Texas	
436	Cindy Lytle	Schulenburg, Texas	
437	Deepak Kumar Gupta	Houston, Texas	
438	Paul Cornejo	Houston, Texas	There should definitely be a mandatory system , people know people.....their lazy, if no one is putting an effort, we have to force this effort and make it mandatory, we are soooo behind on taking care of our planet, and its not going to get any better until we take great measures to change our lifestyle, love your show Leo, take care, PEACE
439	Anne Seidel	Nuremberg, Germany	
440	Harry Jones	Humble, Texas	Driving from Humble to Westpark to recycle e-waste consumes gasoline, produces additional carbon waste, and creates additional traffic on already overburdened Houston expressways.The drop-off facility in Kingwood does not open until most of us have left for work and is closed when we return.
441	Ronald Brewer	Houston, Texas	
442	Jeffery Roy	Houston, Texas	At some point the collection of food waste must be addressed. All the fruits and vegetables that go through my garbage disposal should be collected and the gasses from their decomposition used as an energy source.
443	Sarah L Crowder	Houston, Texas	As an apartment dweller, I have never had recycling pick-up available to me. Although I take advantage of a recycling center, I know that Houston can do better than this. Step up and make Houston the kind of city other cities envy.
444	Robert M Rowlett li	Houston, Texas	We need to stop looking at the short-term issues with recycling (not enough money to justify it) and start looking at the long-term impact on our environment (fewer resources to consume and less landfill space to use).
445	James Basinski	Missouri City, Texas	
446	Akil Head	Houston, Texas	1. Larger recycling bins. These Houston bins are too small.2. Recycle glass.3. Make mandatory. Houston would instantly become a cleaner city.4. Empower block captains with incentives to clean street or block.
447	Francesca Fuchs	Houston, Texas	
448	John Crawford	Houston, Texas	
449	Bill Land	Katy, Texas	
450	Wendy Snead	Houston, Texas	
451	Mirta Ramirez	Houston, Texas	
452	Victoria Barclay	Houston, Texas	Honorable Mayor White, I am very grateful for all the environmental improvements you have encouraged, made and pro-actively championed for our city. We are active recyclers in our neighborhood, and firm believers in the need to recycle as a matter of course as opposed to exception.Thank you for all you do.Victoria Barclay
453	Debby Jones	Houston, Texas	
454	Mende Fortenberry	Katy, Texas	
455	Gwen James	Houston, Texas	I personally recycle everything that I can (no pick up in my neighborhood, I take to the City of West University). I estimate I recycle at least 70% of the trash that my family produces. This is something I am passionate about and try to be an example to everyone I know. I would like to see the city make all major venues recycle. Houston can not be a world-class city until our attitudes and actions bring recycling to everyday life.
456	Phyllis Hudson	Kingwood, Texas	Just returned from New York City where they have recycling bins on almost every street corner. Amazing! I appreciate all of Mayor White's efforts but sure wish we had a viable recycling center in Kingwood or some kind of way to separate our garbage like we had when I lived in Chicago.
457	Barbara Kertz	Houston, Texas	Until I visited to Astoria, NY, I didn't really know what recycling could be. I thought plastic and paper were the extent of what was possible. In Astoria, I saw trash from apartment buildings separated into different piles for recycling. Residents and building supers recycled. It made Houston look pretty bad. Houston can do better. Has to do better. But, it will take efforts from our leaders to make recycling mandatory. I urge you to do so.

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458	Dean Costis	Houston, Texas	I've helped my neighborhoods recycle since 1969. Houstonians have always been willing to do the right thing if it's made easy for them. I would personally approve a \$5/month fee per household to increase the level of recycling in this city.
459	Jay Bhavsar	Houston, Texas	I personally am committed to recycling as many items as possible. However, it is an inconvenience to store up recycling items and haul them to one of the recycling centers. I believe more people would recycle if it were more convenient to do so. Please institute curbside recycling and insist that multi-family dwelling be required to recycle also. I lived in New Jersey for 13 years where recycling was strictly practiced and was disappointed that this city has not kept up with simple environmental practices.
460	Anjellea Gabriel	Houston, Texas	
461	Peggy Chirstensen	Richmond, Texas	I do not think that recycling is easy in the Houston area, it is difficult to find recycling centers, there are not enough of them, the recycling that is done at curb only takes a few items, glass and cardboard needs to be taken elsewhere.
462	Karenbeth Glunz	Houston, Texas	Recycling is an extraordinary way of reducing our dependency on fossil fuel, reducing global warming, and reducing land fills. What could be better than that???Yes indeed, we could take some lessons from places that are recycling successfully.Of course, when I look at HOV lanes, rather than using a way of changing traffic lanes on both sides such as using lights and arrows, we build more lanes...doesn't look like we have taken the advice of places such as Chicago for ultimate use of lanes, or Shanghai for mass transit...so I'm wondering if Mayor White is willing to learn from other successful programs.I'm imagining that Houston is recycling to the ultimate including compost.
463	Ivonne Santos	Houston, Texas	Mayor White,Pearland has been on top of this issue for awhile, much still to do, but compared to other cities Houston is way behind! I appreciate your efforts to make Houston better, including in this area, but we need faster action on this critical issue! thank you,
464	Renald Stettler	Houston, Texas	
465	Harold Eisenman	Houston, Texas	
466	Don Patterson	Pearland, Texas	
467	Anne Morris	Houston, Texas	The men who pick up recyclables are efficient and polite. The fact that they only come every 2 weeks is doable because I have a very small household. If there were 4 people or more in my family, we would need to have weekly pickup. The fact that glass is not recyclable is very shortsighted. there needs to be MUCH more service for schools and businesses and some sort of financial encouragement for those who generate less trash. Those which use recyclable paper and plastic cups etc at restaurants should also get a break as opposed to those who use styrofoam. I am willing to pay a little more for this, but it seems that in any case, wouldn't it be a better and more economical use of resources than paying to use land fills. With recycling, I don't even need to put out my trash canister every week!
468	Arielle Masson	Houston, Texas	We need a wide program to recycle Glass. Put a big bin, just for bottles,(like the bins in Paris, France) at the grocery supermarket parking lot.How to recycle electronic, computer, TV etc...Put a program to recycle TV when we will go from analog TV to Digital.
469	Priya Bedi	Houston, Texas	A city of our size needs a respectable recycling system. Let's NOT conform to the stereotype that Texans have no concept of the environment!
470	Kimi Rafie	Houston, Texas	
471	Ginny Sanborn	Houston, Texas	
472	Susanna Vierbuchen	Houston, Texas	
473	K Flores	Houston, Texas	
474	A Dewree	Houston, Texas	I would really like Houston to become more involved with recycling. We need to take the first steps in creating a better world for everyone. Maybe we can set the example.
475	Mary Witte	Houston, Texas	
476	Patti Mishler	Houston, Texas	I would like to have All recycle materials picked up by truck.
477	Guruatma K Khalsa	Houston, Texas	

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478	Elisabeth Lopez	Houston, Texas	
479	Rebecca Small	Kingwood, Texas	We need to get on board with current ecological trends and become a greener city!
480	Kim Riley	Kingwood, Texas	We do have curbside recycling in my neighborhood. They do not however pick up glass. That is only available at the bi-monthly city recycling containers. I too wish there was a more accessible option for glass including instructions for patrons that broken glass is not acceptable and clear identifiers for the color of glass in each bin. I see (and hear) people tossing bottles into the container and breaking them, doesn't that defeat the purpose???
481	Beverly Fitzgerald	Humble, Texas	I live in unincorporated Harris County so my comments may not be relevant to Houston. However, we are not required to recycle anything in my area; I am voluntarily separating plastics and glass and leaving the separated items at the Houston/Westpark Recycling Center. I can't imagine why a city the size of Houston would not require its citizens to separate those items that will remain in the landfill for decades. It's such a simple thing to do.
482	Gurugian Khalsa	Houston, Texas	
483	Darra Keeton	Houston, Texas	
484	Rosalia Guerrero	Sugar Land, Texas	I live in Fort Bend County where Houston's trash usually finds a home. No more. Houston needs to find a way to deal with its trash.
485	Alberto Luera	Sugar Land, Texas	We need to recycle now or pay the price tomorrow.
486	Kaylen Nique	Houston, Texas	City-wide recycling is possible, economical, and healthy. I would guess that many people don't realize how many materials CAN be recycled. Let's do what we can to learn what's possible and start making changes for ourselves.
487	Meredyth Badreau	Houston, Texas	I live in upper Houston. We recycle and it's so important that this is offered and taught about everywhere in Houston. Many areas don't have this option.
488	Kathleen Silkworth	Houston, Texas	My neighborhood backs right up to Montrose. Montrose has curbside recycling but the city doesn't have any money to offer recycling to Midtown. How ridiculous is that?
489	Maria Ambriz	Houston, Texas	
490	Lisa Squire	Houston, Texas	We drive to Ellington field to do our recycling. We would be fine with mandatory recycling. We did it in CA, CT and MA.
491	Ann Brock	Houston, Texas	I would love to see Houston become a more Eco friendly place to live. Our city depends on it.
492	Bernice L Beckerman	Houston, Texas	
493	Anthony Wick	Houston, Texas	Just in my neighborhood I see a lot of businesses and homeowners throw away in heavy trash what looks to be perfectly good lumber. Perhaps as a community we could find a way to salvage used wood and other building materials along with recycling glass, plastics, and paper.
494	Carol Zuccone	Houston, Texas	We lead in so many areas. Why not in recycling?
495	Joseph Lagos	Tomball, Texas	Imagine the energy we would save annually if all of Houston would commit to a practical recycling program. The 80's are over folks, it's time to think of the world and not just ourselves!
496	Tammi McCart	Houston, Texas	I wish the city of Houston would recycle more....You never know if they are going to pick up or not. Maybe a couple of bins per household for each type instead of just one..
497	Matthew Tejada	Houston, Texas	I would pay in order to have a better recycling program in Houston. We need to have more regular pickups of recycling bins, more focus on getting businesses and office buildings to recycle, and we absolutely must find a way to recycle glass. It's a crying shame that Houston, in contrast to other major cities, cannot figure out a way to recycle glass.
498	Richard Hall	Spring, Texas	This is Houston, Texas, the Energy Capital of the world, also one of the most polluted cities in America. We can do better than this!

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499	Cecilia Dykes	Houston, Texas	I would like for the city to increase its efforts to improve its recycling program. Start a pilot program within the loop and then expand. The limited amount of products that the city will pick up discourages many from recycling at all. For those of us who do recycle this requires frequent trips to 3 or 4 other destinations, which explains what may appear to be little interest in recycling in neighborhoods. We just take it to other locations. Seek out markets for glass (clear & colored) #6 polystyrene plastic and plastic bags. Consider expanding the number of drop off sites for the products normally picked up at curbside and increase the types of product the city will sell to recycling market. (Note W. University's efforts). Take in to account the rain days that hamper recycling efforts of paper & cardboard products. Drop off sites would be an alternate source for rain days or days missed. Educate the public monthly about recycling through our water bills. Do not depend on the internet to get the word out about the improvements Solid Waste is doing. Use the media! Improve and encourage.
500	Karin Broker	Houston, Texas	Mayor White and honorable City Council, The Issue of recycle and the effort city of Houston , not only officials and office holders but residents need to put into it, does not need petition and committees. It must be an ordinance a must do .Any parent with children does not want to put effort into destroying a system God has left for his creatures. That is not a question ,put a system together announce it to everyone and let us go. I have been asked to check into the recycling for georgetowm neighbourhood at the corner of I-10 and beltway 8 .It seems I have to petition the city council to have recycling for our neighbourhood. It should be the other way round ,recycling is the norm. Nature is the most exacting of recycler .What are we trying to do and teach our kids .Thank you.
501	Olyme Moreno	Miami, Florida	
502	Minoo Sherkat	Houston, Texas	
503	Monti Mayrend	Houston, Texas	The city at this point should be totally ashamed as it doe's from what I can see next to NOTHING to promote recycling-- also what about toxic waste- paints, solvents, etc. which most just throw in their trash cans-- it's PATHETIC comparatively speaking and the powers that be have something to answer for----
504	Tricia Newman	Houston, Texas	It would be great if we could recycle more items. When we lived in London, they took all kinds of cardboard, glass, plastic, paper and metal or tin. I know the city of Caldwell had people from London come help them with their recycling. It would also be good to have designated recycling bins in parks and city establishments. Encouraging businesses to recycle or offer recycling containers would be another area to check into.
505	Jeff Shell	Houston,, Texas	Recycling is VERY fashionable!!! GreenValentine.org
506	Jennifer Self	Tomball, Texas	With the size of our city I think it is very important for us to set an example for the entire nation and get seriously involved in recycling. We have an opportunity here to really shine and make a difference so let's take full advantage of it!
507	Paula Hines	Houston, Texas	
508	Rachel Hooper	Houston, Texas	Moving to Houston from Minneapolis, it is shocking to see how little people recycle here. The city collection system is confusing; most people are unaware of it; and you can't even recycle glass. Frankly, it makes this city look ignorant and careless. I would suggest expanding the recycling program with larger bins, weekly collection days, and an awareness campaign. After all-- don't mess with Texas!
509	Matt Hutchinson	Houston, Texas	I would like to see a more inclusive recycling program - glass, etc. - rather than just paper and plastic.
510	Susan Conaway	Houston, Texas	
511	James Hurst	Houston, Texas	Houston desperately needs a unified comprehensive recycling program which encompasses the entire metro area. We as a community need to become much more aware and sensitive to the amount of garbage and carbon foot print we as the 6th largest city in the U.S. Please make this a partof our CITY!
512	Greg Jeu	Houston, Texas	I am very willing to pay a fee to assist the city in recycling.

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513	Joe Roach	Houston, Texas	Houston has made a good start at recycling under Mayor White. However the program needs to be expanded to all neighborhoods in the city. There also needs to be more and continuous publicity on the subject.
514	Phillip Manderscheid	Houston, Texas	
515	Jarrold Young	Houston, Texas	
516	Bo Champagne	Houston, Texas	
517	Lance Bertrand	Sugar Land, Texas	
518	Shawn Manderscheid	Houston, Texas	I am blown away by how difficult it is to recycle here in Houston compared to other major cities! We need to make it much easier for people to recycle at the curb in all Houston neighborhoods as well as in parks, schools, airports, and businesses. Every step is better than what we have now!
519	Andrea Afra	Houston, Texas	Keeping Houston Ugly-- I know that Houston is a little slow when it comes to making environmentally friendly gestures (transportation, air and light pollution, junk mail, coal plants...etc.etc.etc.) but I am extremely embarrassed that we are only recycling 2% of our waste. Very embarrassing considering that we are one of the largest cities in the nation and we know that it can be done efficiently enough to be profitable in the long run. So what are we doing instead? Building fake parks like Discovery Green? Calling it Green doesn't make us any greener. In fact, my new slogan, besides Keep Houston Ugly, will be something like Houston's too Green to go Green or Houston's too greedy to go green-- What a JOKE!!!!
520	Nancy Christopherson	Houston, Texas	I finally began recycling about 3-4 months ago and actually could use several more green containers to hold everything. I think we should do collections of recycled goods every week AND I think we need to expand the type of items collected. I once put out several clean glass bottles, but they were not taken by the recycling collectors. Why on earth not? In Olympia, WA, homeowners who do NOT recycle are fined - heavily.
521	Quentin German	Houston, Texas	I would like to see more inclusive recycling; the city is on the right track with paper and plastic, but please include glass. Also, it would be beneficial to increase the marketing budget to remind people how easy it is to recycle.
522	Susan Govedare	Houston Texas, Texas	
523	Thomas Ewing	Houston, Texas	We have recycling of paper, plastic, not glass in my subdivision c private trash service. Every little bit helps, too little in Houston clearly.
524	Ann Webb	Houston, Texas	My neighborhood inside the loop has been waiting for recycling pick-up for over a year. We have to get in the car and drive to the recycling center. What on earth is the hold up? All the neighborhoods surrounding ours have recycling pick-up, but we've been put on a wait list.
525	Susanna Finnell	Houston, Texas	
526	M Baker	Houston, Texas	I want to support recycling in Houston. I personally recycle, but find it difficult to do so. Other cities collect recycling from one's home - I would encourage us to do so. I'd be willing to pay an extra fee to have this service, but even more would encourage the city to take the next step.
527	Chris V	Houston, Texas	Hm, something to say for the system in some European countries - Color coded garbage bags - and the pick up service takes care of recycling. Just put everything in the right bag.....
528	Irene Cervantes	Pearland, Texas	I have lived in Houston most of my life and I am upset with the lack of planning for the large growth that we have had. I wish they would take the steps to make Houston (and surrounding cities) more green. Recycling needs to be mandatory. We need an elevated monorail system for transportation. We need all new building construction to use half the energy of old construction and provide incentives to existing buildings to retrofit. We also need to manage growth more responsibly to include wild-life and more green hebetate areas. If we do not act now it will be too late!
529	Moni Anonym	Wolsburg, Germany	
530	Cj Solomon	Houston, Texas	
531	Mark Tymniak	Houston, Texas	
532	Jane Ann Leeves	Houston, Texas	

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533	Isabel Chapa	Houston, Texas	I recycle as much as I can at home. But it is disappointing to see that where the most recycling that can be done is at little leagues and nothing is being done. We see bags and bags full of trash to include aluminum cans, plastic bottles that can all be recycled. We do this for our children's future so they may have a planet they can live in.
534	Richard Finnell	Houston, Texas	Many times (up towards 80%) the recycling is not picked up even if it is placed out before 7am. They fail to notice our residence on the access street to Memorial Dr. Then it rains, the papers are so heavy they break the container, and a huge mess has to be hauled back into the garage. I call the city recycling number, they give me a confirmation number, and two weeks later, it happens all over. Then I haul it away myself. The system is not perfect.
535	Alejandra Maya	Houston, Texas	I have lived in the Houston metro area for nearly 40 years. I would like to think that the city of Houston is a leader, an exemplar, for all of us out beyond the pale.
536	Tom Wilson	Katy, Texas	
537	John Miller	The Woodlands, Texas	
538	Anne Gillis	The Woodlands, Texas	Let's become a leader in the recycling program. I support new programs to make recycling available to all Houston homes.
539	Niels Lenz	Houston, Texas	I've lived in Houston for over 30 years. Yet I have only once, for a period of two months, lived where there was recycling. Houstonians need to step up and do our part to reduce waste and pollution. Yet most of us have little opportunity to do so. We are not included in Houston's minimalist recycling program if we live in apartments or if we live in the many areas of town where recycling is not supported. To make recycling work, you need home pickup. Experience in San Francisco shows that the more expensive garbage trucks required for good recycling will pay for themselves. San Francisco *sells* paper for recycling. With all the ingenuity that has made Houston great, surely we can equal San Francisco's 70% recycling rate. Even Boston, with a 16% recycling rate, is doing 8 times as well as Houston. That's embarrassing. We should be ashamed. Let's get on board. Waste is choking our planet. Let's show what Houstonians can do!
540	Kathleen Gresham	Houston, Texas	
541	Amy Corron	Houston, Texas	Dear Mayor White - Thanks for your support of recycling. Please help the City do more, though. We all want our children to inherit a beautiful world.
542	David Miller	Houston, Texas	I have lived in smaller cities that recycled aluminum, glass, plastic, newspaper and cardboard at curbside. Houston should strive for much higher recycling rates.
543	Ellen Hanspach	Houston, Texas	Ellen Hanspach
544	Celia Rodriguez	Pasadena, Texas	I recycle, but only a handful of my neighbors on my street do (3 out of about 40) We should be doing glass, too!!! There needs to be a greater emphasis and encouragement from the city, directly from the mayor's office and City Council to encourage participation and educate. Janet Kavanagh
545	Janet Kavanagh	Houston, Texas	
546	Theresa Clifton	Houston, Texas	I would very much like a recycling program in my neighborhood.
547	Kerry Beth Cottingham	Sugar Land, Texas	
548	Michael Cottingham	Sugar Land, Texas	
549	Hector Madrid	Houston, Texas	
550	Janice Bybee	Houston, Texas	

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551	Jeannine Perrot	Houston, Texas	Houston can do better than a 2% recycling score. We need more recycling options especially on the far west side of Houston. The City only recycles plastics #1 & #2 but much of the plastic packaging does not meet this requirement. The City needs to increase recycling options and advise companies to market products in our area that meet our recycling requirements and use less and better packaging. In Germany, on almost every corner it seems, there are recycling bins. Recycling bins need to be pervasive and in the public eye. People need to be taught how to recycle and to think recycle. More public service ads and more options to recycle at work, school, subdivisions and the community at large are needed. Together we can do better and make Houston a Green city for all of us.
552	James Larimore	Spring, Texas	It is laughable that Houston, now in the process of trying to recast itself as Green Houston, has such an abominable record when it come to recycling. The Mayor's office needs to get the City Council working on making Houston the recycling center of the Gulf Coast. With all of the plastic we make, you'd think that we could recycle a little more of it.
553	Bruce Handley	Houston, Texas	
554	June Woest	Houston, Texas	Not only recycling but upcycling...it is the new paradigm shift. Put money behind invention for renewing waste and promote thinking that has a generational concern (give it to the artists for one, and watch Houston and America soar).
555	Katherine Horn	Houston, Texas	Houston needs a better recycling program. Having lived in the Northeast before moving to Houston for college, I was shocked at the amount of recyclable goods that are thrown away here because people are not educated or do not have access to convenient recycling services. I think that residents of Houston should be charged for the amount of trash they produce, and the funds should be used to offset the costs of a more comprehensive recycling program which would include curbside pickup of paper, metal, plastic, and glass, as well as an recycling outreach campaign.
556	Juli Carrillo	Houston, Texas	There is no recycling pickup or drop-off close to my neighborhood. I would pay a monthly fee to have my recycling picked up. The closest to me is in the city of West University.
557	James Johnson	Spring, Texas	more recycling bends please
558	Evelyn Joyce	The Woodlands, Texas	
559	Cheryl Gaynor	Houston, Texas	I really really wish that we had curbside class recycling, and weekly curbside service. I think it's shameful that Houston, as the 4th largest city in the US, does not provide these simple ways for Houstonians to help the environment. Baytown is just starting a recycle program, aluminum and newspaper and plastics #1 & #2. It is a baby step and as usual the government is behind the curve of the public's will, but it is a start
560	Nicole Holland	Houston, Texas	
561	Tim Leibrock	Houston, Texas	
562	Loren Albert	Houston, Texas	
563	Billy Barnett	Baytown, Texas	I waste fuel to drive to Westpark twice a month just to help keep the recycle program going. I could sell the aluminum but I donate it to the program thinking it may be the only profit center.
564	Lynden Foley	Houston, Texas	
565	Howard O'Maley	Houston, Texas	I saw the show on the discovery channel about San Francisco recycling system.They got it going on.
566	Hunter Aydelott	Cypress, Texas	
567	Jill Gobin	Houston, Texas	The 4th largest city in the US needs to be setting the bar for the rest of the country. Charging people more to throw away and less to recycle would be a great start. I recycle enough, and watch what i buy, so i drag out my large black city container once every three weeks, for a family of 3. Disincintives for just throwing stuff away would help tremendously
568	Stephen Miner	Houston, Texas	
569	Shelton Jordan	Stafford, Texas	
570	Christopher Meyer	Houston, Texas	
571	Jackie Calhoun	Houston, Texas	
572	Randall Capstin	Houston, Texas	

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573	Shannon Grow-Garrett	Baytown, Texas	baytown has instituted a recycling program that begins june 2. all of america needs to be recycling whether all americans agree to it or not. we are supposed to clean up after making messes, just as my mother said.
574	Stephanie Aldridge	Houston, Texas	I believe we are in danger of depleting our natural resources and I am in favor of recycling. I would be willing to spend \$10 per month to help towards better recycling.Thank you,Stephanie Aldridge
575	Cassiana Fowler	Spring, Texas	I am native from Brazil, and I live in Texas about 5 years. I love the green we have here, please Houstonian don't let the green go away. It is about the green in this state that makes everything better. We defined need to go green and to Recycling in Houston NOW.
576	Kathryn Melton	Deer Park, Texas	
577	Esteban Garcia	Crosby, Texas	We need to recycle more!!!
578	Marc Williams	Houston, Texas	Hi,I love the Houston recycle service, problem is that it is optional. It should be required. Problem is how to regulate. Patrol to review trash cans for recyclable material?? Not sure how other citys handle the same.Thanks,Marc
579	Brandy Pace	La Porte, Texas	
580	Gregg Deboisblanc	Houston, Texas	We need to do MUCH better that this. Shamefull.
581	Amanda Vermillion	Seabrook, Texas	
582	Virginia Collins	Houston, Texas	Recycling should be mandatory. We need better resources for educating Houstonians on what will happen to our children's resources if we don't recycle. I would pay \$20 per month toward recycling efforts in Houston.
583	Mike Mcfarland	Houston, Texas	
584	Tara Carpenter	Houston, Texas	
585	Mark Vermillion	Seabrook, Texas	I may not live in Houston but I work there. I'm in Houston much of my day and week. Weekends also. We SHOULD be up there with San Francisco when it comes to recycling! Our future depends on it!
586	Arnel Sia	Kingwood, Texas	Recycling programs and policies should be implemented as part of a comprehensive citywide project involving homes, businesses, schools and all establishments that cater to the public. The science of recycling is not new science and should be easily acceptable to al Houstonians. Tied in with other green technologies, recycling is a painless and moral way of dealing with our landfill issues.
587	Maria Madrigal	Pasadena, Texas	
588	Maribel Castro	Houston, Texas	
589	Cathey Land	Houston, Texas	I do not feel we need any more fees - just people in each & every neighborhood doing their part with encouragement from our city government. Mayor Bill White is very environmentally pc and am sure he would use his influence any way possible. I just wish we could encourage auto downsizing and use of public transportation and more plans from Metro.
590	Gina Peoraro	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston's recycling program is too limited and behind other major cities. I would at the very least like to see glass recycling and all plastics picked up. If I had to pay a fee I would pay \$5-\$10/month for this extra service. Thanks, Gina Pecoraro
591	George Weinberg	Cypress, Texas	We need to come up with a better idea than digging a hole in the ground and filling it up with toxic items.
592	Jamie Ferguson	Houston, United States	Precise instructions on what can be recycled and how it should be prepared (for example, do bottle caps need to be removed from plastic bottles?).Curb-side pickup of glass would be a good addition to current services.
593	Philip Cassidy	Houston, Texas	
594	Harold Braunstein	Houston, Texas	I live outside the Houston city limits, in Harris County's jurisdiction, and all we can put at the curb is some plastics, aluminum, cardboard, and paper, no glass or lawn clippings. Most of my neighbors don't bother to do even that, (1st generation Americans, 1st house, very much into being good consumerz), but I bet they'd recycle if it was either mandatory or made very socially acceptable, through education. Make it cool. Get the kids on board at the schools, and give them pamphlets for Mom and / or Dad to read. Hell, have Scooter write a hip-hop song about recycling.

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595	Robert Gartner	Houston, Texas	The tiny town of West University, Texas has a 24 Hour location for household recyclables. Demolition is exacerbated by taxation. Wastes go to the landfills. Awful.
596	Marcus French	Baytown, Texas	If we stand together and demand change, change will come. If we do not it will not. A big Thank You to the organizers of this petition.
597	Dan Andres	Houston, Texas	Recycle now Houston and save our future. Lower costs by using available materials over and over, including old homes.
598	Melissa Gordon	Marion, Massachusetts	
599	Dawn Newcomer	Houston, Texas	As a native Houstonian, I want our community to make choices that improve our environment. Recycling is part of sustainability and it is the environmentally conscious choice that will create personal awareness, jobs and will move us onto the path toward a peaceful future.
600	Trish Herrera	Houston, Texas	Mayor Kathy Whitmire started our recycling program in Houston in the late 80's and it has not been modernized since. Mayor White Please help Houston become part of the solution and not part of the problem!!!
601	Marcelene Casey	Galveston, Texas	Houston could act as a leader in the area. If you increased the recycling done in your city, other cities are sure to follow.
602	Michael Davidson	Houston, Texas	I was shocked at Houston's recycling statistics! If even a sprawling metropolis like LA can deliver a 59% recycling efficiency, there is no reason that Houston should be at 2%. Mayor White has done great things in leading Houston in the right direction - we need his leadership on this initiative also.
603	William Jezzard	Plantersville, Texas	I think a fee based on volume would encourage recycling. We already pay for other utilities based on usage, the more you use the more you pay, why not pay for garbage pick up the same way?
604	Becky Reid	Houston, Texas	I am a native Houstonian and Houston is the 4th largest city in the nation. Our recycling program is terrible. They've put a lot of money into the new Discover Green park downtown. Please put some revenue into the environment and get a recycling program.
605	Shawn Lemons	Houston, Texas	
606	Michael Davis	Houston, Texas	
607	Harry Herrera	Houston, Texas	We need to start giving back to this planet. When all its natural resources are gone, we will be next!
608	Gloria Rubac	Houston, Texas	
609	Susanna McMahon	Houston, United States	Houston prides itself on so many things. Why not on this???
610	Carole Keene	Houston, Texas	Curbside recycling is great, adding glass and cardboard might help participation. Also, it is time for the city to start charging more for excess trash - encourage recycling by hitting the pocketbooks of those who think it is too much trouble to separate out recyclables from regular trash.
611	Jeff Law	Houston, Texas	Please pay attention to this vital quality of life issue. Houston is so far behind most major cities in its awareness of its ecosystems and pollution issues. REcycling is just one more arena in which we show up at the bottom. This is unacceptable and very embarrassing. For our leaders to consistently beg for international attention, when we still have backwater focus on the environment, is ridiculous. We need mass transit also of course, and soon. To allow business and industry and politicians to continue old school policies regarding our air, water, and landfills without creative new ways to solve these issues, seems lazy and irresponsible. This includes water issues also of course. Catch up with the 1st world and quit emulating 3rd world responses to these important issues please. Step up to the plate finally! Yes I would pay more to improve our green quality of life. What does it finally take to mandate REAL change here in Houston?

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612	Bernadine Jennings	Houston, Texas	We must all emphasize the triple bottom line: Environment, Equity and Economy. Communities of Color have the populations that have been deeply impacted by Environmental racism and very old strategies of trickle down economics. Communities most impacted by global warming and pollution should help create living wage jobs for themselves and others. Very important to have public/private partnerships while we continue to engage new players in the Green Economy. We, the people are the stakeholders... we, the people are indeed the grassroots that must advocate for Green energy in poor rural areas as well as urban environments. KIDS are people too! Their input is essential for long term change. Let's all keep on pushing and adjusting our focus on the Green Economy. Bernadine Jennings with Text assistance from the Greenlining Institute. www.greenlining.org
613	Michael Mendenhall	Woodlands, Texas	Could Houston learn from The Woodlands? We have an active recycling program here.
614	Marion Arthur Kirby	Houston, Texas	
615	Jennifer Skjonsby	Houston, Texas	
616	Ken Coleman	Houston, Texas	
617	Mary Moorhead	Houston, Texas	
618	Jeaneane Graham	Houston, Texas	I have to take my recyclables to the West U center. Before I took them to the Bellaire center. I have been making these trips regularly for about 15 years and I will continue to do so as long as I'm able. Most of my neighbors ARE NOT as conscientious as I am I'm sorry to say.
619	David Celis	Houston, Texas	
620	Helene Booser	Houston, Texas	
621	Jim Ohmart	Houston, Texas	
622	Lucinda Kontos	Bellaire, Texas	Let's take care of our city and make it an appealing place to live and visit.
623	Michael Molnari	Houston, Texas	
624	Lorraine Gibson	Pearland, Texas	
625	Masumi Kataoka	Houston, Texas	I just wonder where all those wastes go to. I really feel guilty about producing them, and I am really interested in recycling, if it is more convenient. The nearest recycling center is about 10 miles away from our house. I feel it is the city's responsibility to do something about it.
626	Tommy Scheible	Houston, Texas	Houston makes it hard to recycle. Little or no curbside pick up. Some of the recycling centers are not easy in and out and are hard to find. We CAN do so much better as a City to improve recycling.
627	Carondelet Dember	Houston, Texas	My family and I appreciate the recycling program Houston has. However, Mayor White we need to create a program together to stimulate the whole city's participation. We can recycle much more than 2%! WE can learn from other cities programs and can begin to develop a reputation of being a model recycling city! I am proud of our NoSmoking policy,our Light Rail line and future 4 lines! Put a team of citizens and city employees together to come up with a recycling plan we can be proud to call Houston's own!
628	Charlie Lindahl	Spring, Texas	
629	Callie Bourgeois	Magnolia, Texas	
630	Ivan Espinosa	Houston, Texas	Recycling is WONDERFUL. It needs to be promoted and expanded! Houston needs to deal better with the tremendous amount of waste it generates! It is imperative that we comprehend something very important about the environment: It has an intrinsic value and it must have the right and opportunity to continue to exist and thrive, for us humans and all living things depend upon it for our existence.
631	Alex Oddo	Friendswood, Texas	
632	Nancy Edwards	Houston, Texas	I have curbside recycling. The whole city needs it. And if you want to pick up and compost tree waste, the trucks need to come once a month - not once every two months. Trees grow fast in Houston!
633	Joy Lindsey	Houston, Texas	Too many of our communities in the Houston area are plagued with landfills, and we're running out of space for more. Something's got to give. One thing that would help would be putting a deposit on those billions of plastic water bottles.

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634	Hanne Bergersen	Houston, Texas	Everybody need to get smaller garbarge cans. When you buy cans, water in bottels you need to pay a deposit. If you return the cans or bottels to the store you will get the money back. I just moved to Houston from Norway and I am in chock.
635	Tim Mock	Houston, Texas	My neighbor just created a lot of tree trimming waste. Too bad it is going to a landfill with heavy trash.
636	Gabriella Okamoto	The Woodlands, Texas	We might be moving to Houston within the next few years and really hope to see a viable recycling program in place. Mayor White seems on the right track on many issues and has been good for Houston. He needs to get a good team in place that CAN and WILL make recycling happen SOON. Get rid of the nay-sayers (from your office) and find people who know how to make it a reality.
637	Jan Knight	Houston, Texas	This is no time to stop curbside recycling. We must educate and encourage everyone to recycle.
638	Connie Cortina	The Woodlands, Texas	
639	Deborah Braunstein	Houston, Texas	We desperately need to recycle much more than is being done !
640	Alexandra Gajewski	Houston, Texas	Environmental Program in Houston? There isn't any! You've got to be extremely diligent to recycle in Houston. A few simple things would make it easier: Recycling program in every apartment complex and neighborhoods. currently, we have to drive to a recycling center to drop stuff off. more community awareness and education.
641	Melissa Schmid	Houston, Texas	
642	Kerry Hogan	Houston, Texas	
643	Jennifer Gaines	Houston, Texas	
644	Gay Estes	Houston, Texas	
645	Lenore Burke	Houston, Texas	we need to recycle-this is a disgrace The level of recycling in Houston is pathetic. Our household recycles paper, glass, metal and plastic independently, by personally hauling it to various facilities because we feel it is our responsibility. I would be totally in favor of mandatory recycling and charging each household by the volume they produce. This might be the necessary incentive to reduce and re-use as well as recycle.
646	Ana Menchaca	Houston, Texas	
647	Lauren Levicki	Houston, Texas	I think that we can do more for sure. It is very easy in our neighborhood, but should be more accesible in others. More information about the programs would help too!!!
648	Barbara Claiborn	Houston, Texas	This effort is long overdue!
649	Brian Thorp	Houston, Texas	
650	Cheryl Raspino	Houston, Texas	
651	Scott Mccready	Houston, Texas	Please strenghthen Houston's recycling program! While it may cost us more in taxes, the payoff in environmental benefits will be worth it. More importantly, it will help to educate the citizens of our city as to the waste we generate and the importance of reducing our 'footprint' on our small planet.Thank you!
652	Nancy Grob	Houston, Texas	
653	Joshua Thomas	New York, New York	
654	Hydee Kagan	Houston, Texas	
655	Elizabeth Gorman	Houston, Texas	
656	O Jones	Houston, Texas	
657	Alexander Song	Houston, Texas	
658	Matt Baumgarten	Houston, Texas	
659	Gail Hendryx	Houston, Texas	
660	Candace Williams	Houston, Texas	
661	Bob Randall	Houston, Texas	At our house, we recycle so much that we only use city trash services about every 10 weeks. To do this, we have to store a lot of material that are not taken by curbside but is taken elsewhere in the area. We also recycle all of our kitchen and yard wastes and even take some yard wastes from others. Please do whatever you can to educate the citizenry about ways to recycle and to help them do it. As well take steps to reduce commercial waste

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662	Gloria Brown Mcneil	Houston, Texas	As a new emerging environmental enthusiast, I say let's get recycling! Recycle not because other cities are recycling but because it is the right thing to do for our progressive city.
663	Ian Rosenberg	Houston, Texas	Ian Rosenberg
664	Josh Lock	Houston, Texas	
665	Kelly Carmouche	Houston, Texas	i think it has become too easy for people to throw things away rather than recycle. how is it that the 4th/5th largest city in the nation, is the worst at recycling? it is sad that apartment complexes and businesses cannot have access to the city recycling program. i spend 8-10 hrs a day at work and this is where i produce most of my waste; as does most people. it is the lack of care from politicians that has allowed houston to become as dirty and unhealthy as it is today. yes, i would pay for this service. but lets not make waste by saving waste. how about thinking of clean ways to recycle, ex. electric/hybrid recycling trucks, use restaurant waste to make compost for the TXDOT tree program.
666	Lauren Brown	Houston, Texas	Don't let our wonderful city rot amongst its garbage! It's time for Houston to step it up!
667	Narguess Arjomand	Houston, Texas	
668	John L Dunn	Houston, Texas	
669	Amber Lewis	Houston, Texas	I always hear the concentration of recycling being put on the residential community, but property managers of large office buildings should implement it with their tenants as well. I also think offices need to stop giving out styrofoam cups for coffee and make people bring their own mugs. I see some people using 3 different cups per day.
670	Daniel Cronan	Houston, Texas	
671	Elizabeth Renton	Houston, Texas	I have had a very positive experience with the current recycling program and would love for it to be expanded to other areas. Perhaps the city could start a curbside recycling program for businesses.
672	Maricarmen Castro	Houston, Texas	
673	Hayley Pallister	Houston, Texas	I would like to see the City invest in a recycling program that enables all residents to participate. I compost and recycle as much material as possible but I have to make an effort to do it. Not everyone is that way inclined. Recycling should be available to all neighborhoods and businesses, the City should offer a convenient way for people to store materials, such as segmented bins. Education is key, once people realize the benefits to their health, their community and their future they'll slowly but surely jump on board. The City has some amazing, capable and enthusiastic staff who could lead such a program if given the chance. A small fee (\$5 per month) would be acceptable to me for such an important issue in our lives.
674	Evelyn Born Shanley	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston appears to respond to consumer usage. Many homes are not served because the City of Houston says that people don't recycle. In my opinion, Houston City officials should look at the San Francisco procedures and try to emulate them. Creating awareness would be a good start. I am a diligent recycler but have to take a lot of my items to special recycling places.
675	Dedee Enqvist	Houston, Texas	
676	David Rowe	Houston, Texas	
677	Amanda Tullos	Houston, Texas	Cities, like Chicago, are requiring 50% construction waste diversion. Houston can stay competitive and help reach diversion goals by implementing a similar ordinance.
678	Shannon Matson	Houston, Texas	
679	Natalie Davis	Houston, Texas	I really wish we could have recycling in apartment complexes. I understand residents may throw trash in recycling bins but if it is possible to start a recycling program in apartments it would greatly increase recycling in Houston.
680	Jenny Broussard	Houston, Texas	
681	Claire Caudill	Houston, Texas	I hope we can encourage more Houstonians to recycle. It's going to take a lot of education!

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682	Sue Gaines	Naples, Florida	Come on Houston, this is totally unacceptable. Step up and do your part!! Recycling in Naples, FL is included in our mandatory yearly garbage fee of approximately \$125. Curbside pickup once a week with no separating; just put it all in our wheeled bins which are provided by the county. Get with it!
683	John Price	Houston, Texas	I have been using the recycle program in the neighborhood and taking what is not recycled here to the Westpark drop. I have been happy with the program, except for the fact that so many things are not recycled in the neighborhood. I am a Houston native, although I lived in Fort Worth for 10 years, and the program there allowed for curbside pick-up for everything. There are about 20 houses on my street and 3 recycle...
684	Greg George	Spring, Texas	My spouse fought the MUD board for years to finally get a recycling program in our neighborhood. When they finally relented, they ran out in front of the parade and waved the baton! Even if it doesn't make economic sense yet, it helps keep the green philosophy alive. Recycling will be economically viable if we continue to promote it. Keep fighting for recycling in Houston, your children will thank you.
685	Claudia Franco	Houston, Texas	its very difficult for businesses to recycle. They produce incre mental waste compared to households.
686	Jim Martin	Houston, Texas	I Think This Is Long Overdue,the amount of trash and litter scattered on the streets in the parks and bayous is appalling.Recycling is possible inhouston just not very conveient,we recycle about 75% of our waste materialincluding plastic bags.If We are at all succesfull With This Next I suggestwe tackle styrefoam(if starbuks can do it so can the rest of houston.RegardsJim Martin
687	Beverly Robinson	Houston, Texas	I live in one of Houston's most affluent neighborhoods(Piney Point Village), but we are lacking in a recycling program of any kind. I haul myrecyclables to Houston's center on Westpark every few weeks, and cannot believe that this is not more of an issue in my area.
688	Jeff Price	Houston, Texas	
689	Alissa Ritter	Houston, Texas	We can do so much better than this!
690	Bill Fowlie	Harmony, Maine	
691	Emily Price	Houston, Texas	
692	Nancy Greig	Houston, Texas	Somehow we must do much better than this! All public areas (such as parks) and people-oriented businesses (museums, sports facilities, shopping malls, fast-food outlets, fairgrounds, etc., etc.) should encourage their patrons to recycle, by placing recycling receptacles in easily accessible/highly visible places. ALL businesses should have recycling containers available for their employees in lunchrooms, etc. City officials should actively campaign for greater recycling throughout the city, and recycling programs should be made availabe to all neighborhoods. I'd guess about 30-50% of my neighborhood does at least some recycling - more publicity about the importance of recycling could improve this number.
693	Maria Dixon	Alicante, Spain	
694	Patsy Huett	Houston, Texas	I do commend Houston for the recycling dropoff sites. I use the West Park one, and you just drive through, they unload and you are done.....they are very efficient and pleasant.
695	Jill Case	Houston, Texas	I think it is imperative that Houston start participating in taking care of our world. I am willing to pay for recycling efforts.
696	Andre Boutte	Houston, Texas	I am pleased to sign this petition in support of the cause and a good friend, Ms Jeannine Perrot.
697	Margaret Pierce	Houston, Texas	
698	Kristy Junco	Houston, Texas	
699	Brooke Drake	Houston, Texas	Brooke Drake
700	Allison Thebeau-Wolff	Seabrook, Texas	
701	Shawna Simmons	Katy, Texas	
702	Michelle Wolpert	Houston, Texas	
703	Lisa Pike	Sugar Land, Texas	
704	Roxie Schliesman	Holmen, Wisconsin	
705	Jennifer Wilde	Alameda, California	
706	Brooke Irey	Houston, Texas	I think Houston should make it mandatory for all multi-living units to provide recycling facilities.

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707	Trisha Ochoa	Spring, Texas	
708	Dina Medley	Houston, Texas	There are so many areas where curbside pick up is not offered...like Kingwood. Local government needs to educate citizens and provide services to help them!
709	Laurent Benkowski	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
710	Candy Donahue	Houston, Texas	I faithfully use my green recycling bin, but realize many people do not. I understand that it may not be economically feasible to continue curbside recycling in some neighborhoods due to lack of participation. I DO wish glass could be put into the curbside bins. I think it would be very helpful if more recycling locations were available to Houstonians that were accessible 24 hours a day because working people cannot get to one that is only open 8-5 M-F. We need to address things like batteries and the new light bulbs in ways that are easy for people to comply with. I know a lot of batteries get thrown in the trash because there is not an easy way for people to recycle them properly. You don't want to drive your car to the other side of town to recycle that big battery from your alarm system (12 volt), so you store it for a while then reluctantly throw it in the trash.....
711	Lori Chapman	Houston, Texas	No one recycles in my neighborhood, so I have to haul paper, plastic, etc. up to work and it's taken from the office. It's a major pain in the butt. Some improvements in the Houston/Katy area would be nice!
712	Anita Kofta	Holmen, Wisconsin	
713	Mary Estes	Houston, Texas	
714	Einar Otnes	Houston, Texas	In the neighborhood I live in, there is no recycling system. Hence, I need to collect paper, plastic, glass etc. in the garage and bring it to some Recycling station once in a while. Looking at all the waste I produce every week, it is sad to see that the Houston authorities don't look at this as a resource which can be recycled into other products.
715	Deborah Havert	Houston, Texas	
716	Jennifer Sorrells	Baytown, Texas	I do not think we should be charged to recycle. I think each household should have a say if they want to recycle this way. I do my own recycling. I make money off my cans and my company has a paper recycle bin. The funds they get from the paper goes back into the community. Where is the money going that the city is getting from the recycled items??????
717	Karen Peronard	Houston, Texas	My neighborhood did offer the curb recycling program, but that was stopped because it got too expensive, per the neighborhood committee. I now recycle on my own, they opened a recycle center close to my house. The only thing missing from this recycle place is glass, they take all less glass. We have to think about the fact that we are not leaving a whole/complete planet to our children, their kids, etc..., we are using it up & not replenishing what we take, so the least we could do, is to put to use all the waste we produce.
718	Aimee Langley	Houston, Texas	
719	Anglia Sweet	Houston, Texas	
720	Emili Olson	Houston, Texas	
721	Jo Ann Wolf	Houston, Texas	The existing recycling locations have improved lately but the overall program falls way short of an effective and significant operation. There are not enough recycling locations and they all tend to be large sites rather than smaller neighborhood recycling sites that could easily be incorporated into someone's life-style. Recycling should also be included in the city garbage pick-up service. There needs to be multiple avenues of recycling and an educational PR campaign in the newspapers and local television. This will take a cooperative effort by the citizens and city government - recycling is not easy but it could be made a lot less inconvenient.
722	Adriana Wilkerson	Houston, Texas	Please give us curbside recycling or make it easier to have neighborhood/area recycling drop offs, especially for the folks in MUDs.
723	Spencer Elliott	Houston, Texas	PRODUCE LESS TRASH!
724	Ds Wilson	Houston, Texas	Why is the City of Houston ONLY recycling 2% when other cities are doing 50-70% and more?
725	Keer Beavers	Deer Park, Texas	

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726	Amy Elich	The Woodlands, Texas	
727	Jay Patel	Houston, Texas	Please support drastically improved recycling efforts in Houston. We CAN do better.
728	Salvador Awe	Houston, Texas	2% is a joke. I would gladly participate in a recycling program if my waste service provider (Waste management) offered it in my area.
729	Andrew Hager	Houston, Texas	Thank you Leo! Keep up the good work.
730	Tracy Russell	Houston, Texas	
731	Marika Van Laan	Houston, Texas	
732	Rick Opersteny	Houston, Texas	
733	Said Assali	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston needs to turn to efforts like this instead of passing the floodway ordinance that actually causes problems for property owners
734	Alan Eyler	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston has many great advantages and equally great drawbacks. Mayor White has recognized that we need cleaner air and is now talking tough to the petrochemical plants that are a major part of that problem. We also have an infrastructure problem and that seems to be getting worked in many areas. But we are not yet doing all we can to be good citizens of the earth. The huge land fills we are creating contribute to air and water pollution. We need to GREATLY increase the level of recycling being done in our city. Others have done it, we can too. Lets get ahead of this issue rather than waiting until it is a major problem. We Can.
735	Devin Mcquaig	Houston, Texas	I would like to see a major improvement on our recycling system. Single stream would be amazing, but perhaps too much to ask?
736	Victoria Logan	Houston, Texas	
737	Gilbert King	Houston, Texas	As a former participant in our neighborhood recycling program that was operated for years prior to the City curbside program , I know people are willing to participate in recycling efforts. However they need direction and leadership and a sense that there efforts are making a difference. The City must make a strong effort to inspire and require this participation.
738	Roberta Russell	Houston, Texas	
739	Ronald Morgan	Houston, Texas	I would very much like to see curbside recycling in my neighborhood (Cottage Grove). I for one would like to recycle more of my garbage.
740	R. A. Courtney	Houston, Texas	I feel that all companies in the houston and surrounding area's be required to recycle. Anything in my home including building materials are recycle.
741	Robert Hilliker	Houston, Texas	I am disgraced and utterly displeased with the lack of recycling the City of Houston does. I live in the East End and little to no services are available to me. I am for a small tax on all City of Houston residents to create a recycling program that truly fits Houston's needs. We should have a blue or green closed trash can just like our current black ones to be able to put all of our recycled products in. Thank you for your time and consideration of this petition.
742	Kathy Martin	Willis, Texas	Our future depends on our efforts to be good stewards of the earth. Recycling is a huge part of that effort. I would love to tell my friends in other parts of the country that, yes, Houston is not only on par with other major US cities, but ABOVE that average! As Mayor, we back your efforts to lead us down that path.
743	Mike Jackson	Spring, Texas	
744	Quratul A Syed	Sugarland, Texas	Recycling is very important i belive, We should stop using plastic bags in grocery stores. that is a good start to save plastic and some of the stores do, like Sam's and Costco. I belive all the stores should start doing that.thanks
745	Joe Marcinkowski	Houston, Texas	
746	Michelle Brockway	Houston, Texas	I would definitely pay a fee in order increase recycling in Houston. Also, I think that residents who have access to recycling who do NOT recycle should pay higher fines or be required to cart their own garbage to the dump.
747	Benita Burley	Houston, Texas	Yes a small fee would not kill me.

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748	Jasmine Wise	Houston, Texas	In watching the TV show Dirty Jobs, the show did a special on San Fran's garbage program. I found it amazing to see that they actually go through each piece of trash on a running belt to recycle items if the individuals had not already done so. It was not a fancy factory by any means, it was a small warehouse where the employees worked around the clock. Granted I am sure it cost the city more money to have so many employees working around the clock but that money comes out of the taxpayers and personally I would not mind paying an extra few dollars to see something similar implemented in one of the largest cities in the US. Also a note on our recycling. If you look at the specs for recycling in Houston and how little we recycle items. I mean why do I need to take the plastic lid from plastic bottle off for proper recycling. Something small like this should be included in being able to reuse.
749	Aubrey Lofton	Richmond, Texas	If this city is to be ever considered to be world class, it will need to take on the social and economic responsibility of its environment. I have never seen one social study naming Houston as a good place to live in regards to health and environment. The best cities in the world take care of their citizens in this regard. Do the right thing, now, not until it's too late. Have some vision for God's sake and stop trudging in mediocrity!
750	Michael Hugetz	Houston, Texas	
751	Heather Laureles	Houston, Texas	So much was always left in my bin after pickup, that for years I was confused and discouraged about even trying to recycle in Houston. After we found a drop-off site, we've started trying to recycle as much as we can, and then we got a mailing from the city that explained why our bottles weren't picked up. I would love to see more types of plastic recycled, and I would love to see Houston increase its diversion percentage. I have a young child I need to be a model for! Help me teach him the value of recycling. I'd be willing to pay a fee for a better system.
752	Richard Hatch	Humble, Texas	We live in Humble, but must rely on the Houston City recycling facility in Kingwood for our plastic and glass recycling. This pick up is only two weekends a month and we would welcome more frequent recycling opportunities.
753	Sudhir Devappa	Houston, Texas	I have lived in many cities both in the USA and Europe and the recycling programs in this city are abysmal. I would be willing to pay extra if it would really make any difference but when you look at how much we pay in sales tax toward public transport and you see how dreadfully inadequate the public transport is in the city it makes me wonder if paying extra would really make any difference. Yours sincerely Janet Copestake
754	Janet Copestake	Houston, Texas	
755	Marie Mater	Magnolia, Texas	We need glass, plastic, paper, and e-waste recycling all over the Houston metro area.
756	Ken Weatherly	Houston, Texas	I have been disappointed in Houston's response to recycling especially the lack of heavy advertising to get people to think recycle. As the fourth largest city we should be at least 50% clean.
757	Sasha Shepard	Houston, Texas	My neighborhood association hires a private company, BFI, for single-stream (no separating glass from paper from plastic, all in one bin) recycling. Still, the amount of landfill-bound trash is far greater than the amount recycled. I'm glad that my neighborhood recycles, but it would be better if ALL neighborhoods in Houston had the opportunity for curbside recycling. We should emulate the success achieved in other American cities like NYC or San Francisco. More recycling for Houston!
758	Laura Bailey	Houston, Texas	
759	Coleman	Houston, Texas	
	Mcfarland		

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760	Alicia Duplan	Houston, Texas	It is long overdue to have this conversation in Houston. We are fortunate that Mayor Bill White is so open to a Greener Houston. There should be an incentive program for Businesses/Restaurants/Bars to recycle or some other mandate. (They pay a fee for a sign permit.) A Penalty if they don't recycle? Also, we need to have an easier way to recycle TOXIC WASTE for citizens and businesses. As it is, one must remember the day that they accept your waste, take the day off, and load up the chemicals, paints, etc. to take them to the recycling center. Most of us will not do this and just pitch it. A quart of oil can ruin up to 1 million gallons of ground water. What kind of damage do these other chemicals in our landfills do? Let's take a stand NOW and be a leader in new and innovative ways to address this growing problem. We can do this!
761	Gail Sawyer	Webster, Texas	I live in the Pearland area but work in Houston. I think it's amazing what a poor recycling system Houston has compared to other major US cities. Even in Pearland I think that there is a better recycling system than in Houston proper, and major expansions are being made to the recycling center that we have now. Although Houston may not have such good recycling for economic reasons, I can't really see how just throwing away so much reusable material is a viable long-term economic plan. I think the mayor's office should conduct an economic impact study to see if having basically no recycling plan is really in the best economic interests of the city.
762	Jason Crowther	Manvel, Texas	
763	Jane Creighton	Houston, Texas	I want to be able to recycle glass again curbside--and a greater range of plastics, particularly plastic bags (which I now keep in my car and drop at HEB or Central Market whenever I go by). I would love to see far broader neighborhood publicity across Houston, encouraging greater neighborhood compliance. Extend incentives to educational and business institutions as well.
764	Kerrey Mitchell	Houston, Texas	The current provision for recycling in Houston and the whole of Texas is nothing short of embarrassing. Other cities and states around this country have stepped up and addressed the growing problem of waste management. It is about time that Houston and Texas did the same. On a recent trip to Colorado I observed recycling cans next to every trash can yet here in Houston most people do not know where they can recycle even if they want to. I am ashamed to say that I live in Houston when I know that other cities are able to recycle up to 70% of their waste and we can only manage 2%. Businesses that produce copious amounts of waste seem to be oblivious of the need to recycle and protect our planet for generations to come. If the state or local authority mandated that all businesses should recycle x amount of their waste or face fines, and if education programmes were implemented then maybe we could feel proud to say will live in Texas.
765	Lloyd Slevc	Houston, Texas	I would certainly be willing to pay for curbside recycling ? every other city I've lived in has at least had this as an option.
766	Richard Harding	Houston, Texas	Connecticut was recycling bottles in supermarkets in the '80's, why is Texas so behind in this? When returning from Europe it is shocking to see how much wastage there is in the US.
767	Luis Garza	Houston, Texas	
768	Sally Worthington	Houston, Texas	
769	Steve Domingo	Houston, Texas	As a computer consultant, who was born and raised in Houston, I find a number of businesses disposing of computers, office equipment, shipping boxes and packaging through their normal garbage collection. I personally gather equipment from my clients and deliver to a local electronics recycler (http://www.houstoncomputerrecycling.com/). However, my lone efforts pale in comparison to the amount of materials disposed around the city. Perhaps the city could extend recycling to the various business complexes and establish a regular pickup of these materials, create partnerships with local recyclers and forge a profit sharing method for the materials delivered to the businesses. As with anything in our economy, progress costs money, however, there is a market for refurbished equipment or the raw materials. Please make the effort in your community and help us build a more efficient recycling process!

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770	Matthew Keys	Houston, Texas	Lets get on the Ball Houston. I'd Donate some dough for that. \$50
771	Kirsten Nichols	Houston, Texas	
772	Janice Kellogg	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston is way behind other major cities on this issue. Please do something, anything. The Medical Center, the largest employer in the City is one of the worst offenders, generating tons of trash daily that could actually be recycled. As a citizen of West University Place and a member of its recycling board, I am conscious of the number of non-West U residents who take advantage of our Recycle Express (and we're only too happy to have them), but it tells us is how woefully inadequate Houston's recycling efforts really are. Thanks, Jan Kellogg
773	Margaret Harviston	Houston, Texas	Houston needs to call San Diego, CA and inquire about their recycling program. It's the best in the world and everybody is happy and everybody recycles. There, the residents get a large size green trash can that they put out with their regular trash. It gets picked up by a separate truck and taken to a recycle center where it gets separated and recycled. Call them, you'll be glad you did.
774	Scott Dawson	Houston, Texas	
775	Miguel Martinez	Houston, Texas	
776	Betty Kay (Bk) Scardino	Houston, Texas	Dear Mr. White, I am an avid West U. recycler. I own property in Houston as well. I believe Houstonians can do a better job of recycling. I think we all must be taught how to recycle and be reminded to do so until the recycling process is committed to memory.
777	Nancy Michon	Houston, Texas	Not only does Houston not recycle enough, it doesn't recycle all that can be recycled. What about the other plastics beyond #s 1 and 2? Also, the easier we can make it for people to recycle, and the better educated they are about it, the more participation we'll have. Houston needs to do a lot more to get us even close to 50% of waste being recycled, much less 70%. I'm tired of nearly always being behind the rest of the country on EVERYTHING!
778	Tim Warren	Houston, Texas	It is nuts that a city the size of Houston does not have a better recycling program. My family recycles cans, paper, and plastic curb side. However, Houston does not offer curb side recycling for glass. I currently have to take to a collection site which is unacceptable and allows most people to simply toss it in the trash.
779	Alexandra Ward	Houston, Texas	
780	Paul Hadley	Houston, Texas	
781	Amanda Austin	Houston, Texas	Houston needs mandatory recycling quotas, especially for businesses and government agencies.
782	Ines Seidel	Neubrandenburg, Germany	
783	Fari Kasrai	Houston, Texas	
784	Pamela Kletke	Houston, Texas	Please support recycling efforts of all kinds. Also, please consider encouraging grocery stores to charge a large fee to people who do not bring their own bags.
785	Jennifer Dickinson	Houston, Texas	Since the city will not pick up recycling in my neighborhood, I have to drive to a collection center to recycle. If it was made easier, more people would do it! Set up recycling pick up in all neighborhoods!
786	Lynn M Gallimore	Houston, Texas	For the past three years I have tried and tried and tried to get a recycling program started for our high rise condominium building. There are 123 units in the building. FINALLY, I was able, with the help of Abitibi, to have a container delivered to us and we began collecting paper. What a huge success!!! Everyday, someone in the building stops me and thanks me for getting the program started and asks me when we're going to begin collecting tin, plastic and glass. Sadly, I have to tell them that it is unlikely it will happen anytime soon. The city of Houston is the most frustrating city in America when it comes to recycling! Please - As a city, we must stop throwing tons and tons of recyclable resources away. Make it simpler for Houstonians to recycle. Businesses large and small must also be held responsible for their share. Pass bills making it mandatory that business recycle. Much, much more must be done at all levels of the community and I believe the citizens of Houston are chomping at the bit to get started!
787	Whitney Ellis	Houston, Texas	

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788	Shannon Hugetz	Houston, Texas	
789	Jackie Bennington	Houston, Texas	Recycling is definitely not made simple in Houston. I would definitely be willing to pay a small fee to increase the effort.
790	Firoz Jhaver	Houston, Texas	There is an enormous amount of waste generated in Houston. The City needs to at the very least have an aggressive advertising and education campaign for citizens. More recycling bins are needed and offices need to be mandated to recycle. Pick up needs to be established for businesses to conveniently recycle.
791	N Harris	Houston, Texas	
792	Allie Chapman	Cypress, Texas	
793	Lora Beth Robicheaux	The Woodlands, Texas	
794	Marla Risener	Houston, Texas	The Mayor's office has been so strong in fighting against the petro polluters over by the ship channel. I support and applaud your efforts. Now here is another fight for you. I see overflowing dumpsters at my apartment complex almost every day. How much of that could have been re-used? I want to recycle, but I find few options. Waste-Waste-Waste!
795	Arthur Pedersen	Houston, Texas	My wife and I recycle a lot. Newspapers to a local church. Plastic, glass, cans, and electronics to the Westpark recycling facility. We have very little garbage. Everyone should recycle. Everyone should respect our planet.
796	David Mclemore	Houston, Texas	I believe that it should be mandatory for a property owner who has their garbage picked up by the city to also have their recycling bin out. We need to promote more recycling because it costs all of us as tax payers to remove more waste when others don't do their part to recycle. Furthermore, if more people recycled, the cost per owner likely goes down....We have to promote better practices now for how we use our natural resources, if we don't it will have an even greater impact on our children's future well being. If we do the right thing now, taking your recycling out to the curb in 5 years could be just as everyday as wearing a seat belt now is.....but who did that 30 years ago when we were kids????? Come on....let's get this done!!!
797	Jennifer Zografos	Houston, Texas	I think that recycling should be mandatory for homeowners. Also would like to see Glass as part of home pickup.
798	Michael Wiginton	Houston, Texas	this city needs to be on par with the large cities in this country.
799	Rhonda Heffernan	Houston, Texas	
800	Idont Buyit	Austin, Texas	I personally don't believe making this mandatory helps anything! What's wrong with you people? You want the Government making decisions for you? I bet most of you are voting democrat. Here?s my plan: We should mandate only 1 child per household everyone must ride a scooter or bike, we should only use 5 gallons of water per day and live in tents, We should plant more trees so the Redheaded Woodpecker can live in harmony. Oh yeah lets limit families to a maximum of 1 child. If you?re serious about saving the planet than do it right! You must really sacrifice! If we do this our planet will be saved in less than five years. Plus, by doing all this we can avoid the skyrocketing cost of college because their will be nothing to work for. Oh yeah, let?s get rid of all the stores, we can make our own from the land. Imagine no more McDonalds, Pappas think how much we can help the planet this way? God bless the environmental wacos this is all in the name of providing a better life for our children! Please, the environment will survive us all. It?s not going to be destroyed. You want to recycle, that fine, good for you, hope you feel less guilty, but don?t include me. Frankly, the word mandatory reeks of Communism /Socialism! I'm for doing my part but I don't like it when government imposes anything.
801	Adam Weiss	Houston, Texas	

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802	Beatrice Mladenka-Fowler	Houston, Texas	We have had a successful recycling program in the Heights for years, for which I am grateful, but I didn't know until recently that we are only a small portion of the City to have curbside recycling. The entire city should be educated on recycling and have the services offered. Also, I wish it were broader. For instance, my son and daughter-in-law live in the Czech Republic and the city of Prague recycles EVERYTHING - even styrofoam! We need to be thinking of the future. If it is not economical to recycle glass, than the City of Houston should be at the forefront in Texas pushing for reusable beer and soft-drink bottles. Same thing with plastic water bottles - If they cannot be reused or recycled, than we should be banning their sale in this city. I think the City of Houston is a powerhouse and can influence state government by our example! Let's do it - let's ramp up our recycling efforts!
803	Lisa Shaw	Houston, Texas	Houston needs to offer pick up of recyclable items for apartment dwellers. We currently recycle paper, plastic, glass, cardboard, aluminum, and bimetal cans but we have to take them to a recycling center ourselves. If the service were offered, more people would participate if it were made easy to do.
804	Fabrizia Faustinella	Houston, Texas	I'm not satisfied at all with what the city of Houston is doing as far as recycling. It's actually becoming more and more difficult to do it, as there are not enough places around town for recycling. A lot of people are discouraged from recycling, because is too much of a problem to do it. The city should facilitate this process as much as possible.
805	Michelle Pardue	Houston, Texas	I recently move to Houston from Minneapolis and I was appalled to find that there was no recycling program in my neighborhood. I thought that since Houston is the 4th largest city in the U.S. they would have a pretty good system in place. If Houston wants to be a reputable city, the government really needs to step it up.
806	Alex Bernard	Houston, Texas	
807	Laura Tomlinson	Houston, Texas	
808	Frank Tamborello	Houston, Texas	I'm glad that Houston has drop-off recycling centers, but it's really hard to find time to recycle all the materials that I should be recycling. I would readily pay something on the order of \$10 - \$15 per month if the city would do curbside recycling of paper, plastic and glass.
809	Calvin Dunbar	Houston, Texas	I use the current recycling system and fine it adequate, but I wish they picked up glass along with paper and plastic. Also, I don't put aluminum cans out anymore because Once, when the truck came a day later than scheduled, someone came along and took all the cans out of my bin. I take them and sell them myself now.I suppose I would be willing to pay a little extra as long as they kept the city cleaner than they do now.
810	Jimmie Jimenez	Houston, Texas	
811	Katherine Haberlack	Houston, Texas	It's crazy how in a city so full of new technology we don't recycle more! Please let's do something about this and make Houston a city others will follow!
812	Anna Locke	Port Neches, Texas	For being on the country's largest cities, it is appalling the lack of recycling taking place in Houston.
813	Michael Smith	Houston, Texas	
814	Scott Cutlip	Houston, Texas	I have no recycling in the upper Kirby area in which I live. This is a high density affluent neighborhood that should have recycling as a city service. The residence in my apartment complex would be more than willing to participate in a recycling program.
815	Kamilla Guinn	Houston, Texas	The fact that we live in the 4th largest city in the U.S. but residents (especially those in the suburbs) have to search for recycling options is embarrassing. We need to do much better.
816	Veronica Serrano	Houston, Texas	I moved into the Camino South neighborhood of the Clear Lake Area at the beginning of the year and was surprised to find that there was no recycling along with trash pickup. Please work to provide this service to all our Houston neighborhoods and encourage other citizens to make use of it. I know I would.
817	Olivia Deboeck	Houston, Texas	
818	Diane Go	Houston, Texas	We need glass recycling!!!
819	Stacy Sams	Houston, Texas	I would be willing to pay a fee for increased recycling efforts. I also believe there should be a fine for negligence in consumer waste disposal.

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820	Christine Cervantes	Texas City, Texas	
821	Julie Williams	Houston, Texas	
822	Jason Cook	Houston, Texas	
823	Stephanie McClain	Galveston, Texas	The City of Houston is the leader in this region of our state. If Houston improves recycling, so will the City of Galveston. Both cities have LOTS of room for improvement, so even small efforts will get us headed in the right direction.
824	Heather Aycock	Webster, Texas	I definitely agree more should be done. However I would like to chime in on the mandatory vs. voluntary aspect of recycling. I suggest developing and using more of an incentive plan. Also periodically send out information on all of the what, where and how-to's. I have to admit I am not an avid recycler, but am certainly not opposed to it. In fact, I might do better if nudged along. I have been in my home 3 yrs and just recently noticed that there are a few recycle bins out on the street on trash day. I have absolutely no idea what they pick up or how to get the containers. Perhaps having curbside unlimited recycle material and limit the amt of trash. One place we lived before would pick up only two cans/bags of trash. Any additional bags had to have pre-paid stickers on them. You had to pay-extra for extra trash. Then have unlimited recycling on top of that. It seems I am one of the fortunate ones to have curbside recycling and have been inspired to get involved. I think most people (like me) are willing, but it's probably going to take the city leading the way to really get the masses on board. Please Houston, lets do our part!
825	Kat Joel-Reich	Galveston, Texas	We need to continue to recycle - helping communities do this more efficiently, effectively will truly help us in this century.
826	Kathryn Clayton	Houston, Texas	
827	Kevin Robert	Houston, Texas	Trash Service fees have increased enough over the last 2 years, i'm not willing to pay more for recycle pick up...All companies just need to do it.
828	Jill Sims	Houston, Texas	
829	Jacob Spence	Pasadena, Texas	As Houston grows as an international city, we should strive to set the standard in environmental practices in the United States. Most European cities have extremely efficient and widespread recycling programs for paper, glass, aluminum and plastic. When will Houston step up and take a stand?
830	Peter Molick	Houston, Texas	
831	Daniela Group	Houston, Texas	I would like to see recycling program in my neighborhood.
832	Taryn Kinney	Houston, Texas	I would love to have a recycling bin the size of our trash can. Before we recycled we used to sneak over to neighbors trash a dump all the trash that didn't fit in our bin. Now that we are recycling and composting we hardly have any trash, but the small green bin is not nearly large enough for not one but two weeks of recycling.
833	Antonio Mechler - Leed Ap	Houston, Texas	
834	Randi Jones	Houston, Texas	
835	Liang Wu	Houston, Texas	I lived in different parts of Houston as well as in a satellite town called Sugarland just outside of Houston limit. While I could recycled commingled waste in Sugarland, I was not always able to do the same in Houston because not all neighborhoods in Houston has such programs. I would not mind paying an additional 3-5 dollars a month to have a recycle program. Because otherwise, driving to a recycling facility would probably cost me just as much. I do wish to see a more extensive recycling program though, meaning recycling all kinds of plastics, not just #1 & #2.
836	Janis Brackett	Houston, Texas	love the curbside recycling program, but it needs to be expanded into other neighborhoods. Some Houston neighborhoods have to pay monthly for curbside - how can we fix that? we should charge more for trash pickup, not recycling pickup.it would be good to have more glass recycling locations throughout the city, if not collected curbside.would like to see the plastic expanded beyond type 1 & 2.
837	Kristen Johnson	Houston, Texas	

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838	Michael Morrow	Houston, Texas	We'll sadly miss the boat if we don't get green fast. Making recycling easier is a big part. Bigger bins, glass pickup, and more plastic options, please. I would happily pay for a full-size bin and know many others who would as well. tkae a look at Denver's: http://www.denvergov.org/recres/CartDetails/tabid/425361/Default.aspx
839	Chris Jacobs	Houston, Texas	We want glass recycling!!!! Bigger bins would be a huge improvement. If try to recycle everything possible, even for just a household of two, by the time recycle day comes around, the bins are hopelessly overflowing.
840	Donna Kacmar	Houston, Texas	I would like to see glass pick up. I love having pick up in my neighborhood but still have to make a special trip for glass items.
841	Tara Hill	Houston, Texas	I would like a larger bin as I have a lot of materials that can be recycled. I am also extremely interested in curbside glass recycling.
842	Jeanette Leonetti	Houston, Texas	I am glad to finally live in an area that has curb side pickup. It is most important to expand this program to the rest of the city. Why fill the land when we can reuse items??? I would like to see added a glass pickup to curbside and have a larger bin on wheels. My garbage can is almost empty and recycle runnith over. Thank you for your help.
843	Tara Boyd	Houston, Texas	I would like to see a truck come through the neighborhood and pick up recycling. I am a mother of two and it is really difficult to find time to bring our recycling to the dumpsters taht are 15 miles away. I would be willing to pay a few dollars each month to help this happen.
844	Lauren Trees	Houston, Texas	Moving from Boston to Houston three years ago, I was appalled by the lack of recycling options in the city. A curbside recycling program is the baseline of what's expected in a city like this, and I would be willing to pay whatever it costs to get this done.
845	Tim Harkins	Galveston, Texas	Adding glass recycling would be a plus, but we also need to try to encourage many, many more people to participate. One thing the city could do is follow San Francisco, and ban plastic bags. Water filters, even the kind in pitchers, would be far greener than bottled water.
846	K. Elston	Houston, Texas	
847	Michele Stout	Galveston, Texas	When I moved to Texas from Wisconsin 20 years ago, I felt like I was transported back in time. Wisconsin had curb side recycling. Texas, as the largest state in the union, needs to 'step it up'. Recycling is vital to our environment and appropriate use of our resources. To encourage those who may otherwise be wasteful with recycleables and for convenience to our elderly, curb side recycling should be implemented in Houston, Galveston... Certainly any large populated area that offered city garbage disposal. I would pay extra for this service.
848	Amy Harkins	Galveston, Texas	Please RECYCLE! I would definatly like to see Houston do more about recycling. I live in an apartment and I don't see any signs of reclyng. I would be willing to pay a tax of some sort if it meant that there were recycling bins put in major apartment complexes that the city would collect.
849	Justine Townsend	La Porte, Texas	
850	Scott Bird	Houston, Texas	
851	Paul Wright	Houston, Texas	We need curbside recycling!
852	Nagma Meharali	Stafford, Texas	We do not have curbside recycling in all parts of Houston! Nor are we encouraged to recycle: it could be very simple and profitable if the institutions that run our government change their attitude. Your constituents want a change!
853	Michelle Byron	Houston, Texas	We have to do better!! My 10 year old daughter was outraged by this
854	Debra Elliff	Houston, Texas	I am very appreciative of the City of Houston's recycling program and the ease of curbside collection, however, I believe that we have so much farther to go. There are numerous items that, for lack of options, are placed in the our already burdened landfills. Items such as glass containers should not be considered trash. It would be of considerable use for the city to provide larger bins for recycleable pick-up. Twice monthly my green recycle basket is accompanied by an additional basket or two while my garbage cans stands nearly empty.

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855	Carolyn Foug	Houston, Texas	I have worked hard to recycle in Houston - I take glass and cardboard to the recycling center, as well as extra paper, etc that wont fit in my green bin. San Francisco has compost pickup - I would definitely use that. It is frustrating to see so many recyclables in my neighbors' garbage bins. Houston needs to make it easier, by providing more bins and picking up glass. The mayor's office should also put pressure on the citizenry to do the work.
856	Sahar Taghi	Houston, Texas	While I don't live in Houston I am very aware of the recycle efforts and lack thereof. What happens in HOuston affects all of us that live in outer communities and I would pay extra to get more recycling here in Houston where I work and throught Houston metro where we live.
857	Rose Ford	Sugar Land, Texas	
858	Ellen Holzman	Brookshire, Texas	Dear Mayor, Although technicaaly I live outside city limits, I do still pay a Harris County tax. I have been recycling for years, but much to my dismay , it is very difficult to find recycle centers. Also, at one point I was a manager at Starbucks. I wanted to start a recycling program at our store, but again, no one would pick up and there was nowhere to take the recycables. In a city with more than 4 million people, it is such a tragedy that we don't respect our community enough byy offering recycling across the city. I really hope that you can start to make a change for our great city of Houston and her people. Thank you for your time.
859	Susan Musngi	Houston, Texas	Houston should recycle glass containers. Houston must do more than recycle 2% of its refuse!
860	James Schriver	Houston, Texas	
861	Mary Cook	Katy, Texas	When I think of how wasteful we are as a nation, let alone the state of Texas, I am truly grieved. Until recently, I have been just as guilty as most. What a tremendous positive impact we could have on our environment for future generations if every individual would do 3 to 5 small things to recycle and wisely use our resources.I would like to see Houston do more to promote green.
862	Sally Tawfik	Missouri City, Texas	I love the Discovery Green Park. City-wide recycling would be a very much needed addition to our city.Sally Tawfik
863	Max Starkenburg	Houston, Texas	I am for increased recycling even if it means penalizing those who are not participating voluntarily. The city could recoup some increased costs for expanding its recycling program by charging more for non-recyclable trash by weight - like in Austin or at little capital cost to the City by special bags, like in New Zealand. San Francisco's recycling efforts are awesome, we need to shoot for 50% (initially). WE CAN DO IT!
864	Tricia Minor	Houston, Texas	
865	Kelly Mcdevitt	Houston, Texas	It is ridiculous that there is not a mandatory recycling program. I used to live in Milwaukee, WI and they simply had two garbage cans. One for regular garbage and the other was divided into two sections. One section for glass, aluminum and plastic and the other for paper. Milwaukee does not have the financial resources that Houston does so it baffles my mind why Houston is not implimenting a similar program. For one of the largest cities we need to take responsibility and start making a positive impact not negative!
866	Robert Stacy	Houston, Texas	I am generally unsatisfied with Houston's residential recycling. I find the green bins clumsy, and way too small. I would urge you to provide residents larger cans that are similar in style to the current trash cans. I have visited homes in other states (CA for example) who have trash can style containers. They provide residents with the ability to throw all recyclables into the same container, and then only require one to ROLL it to the curb on pick-up day. Please also look at the success of the Bellaire recycling center. Doing so will allow one to evaluate the success, and resident desire to not only recycle, but to hand carry it to a suitable place. It serves as an example on how Houston could have a greater impact on a growing problem....
867	Kim Coleman	Houston, Texas	
868	Susan Jacobs	Houston, Texas	
869	Jay Broadfoot	Houston, Texas	

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870	Camille Breaux	Houston, Texas	Houston needs to take action now! We're way behind on our recycling efforts. As much work as it is, I try to recycle all my plastic, paper, aluminum, steel, and glass, and the city should accept all of these materials curbside. I'd be willing to pay more to know that these materials aren't being dumped into landfills as opposed to being repurposed. Let's how the other cities that we can step up to the bat!
871	J C	Houston, Texas	It is ridiculous in this day and age that recycling isn't handle just as easily as the garbage pickup. San Francisco has made it success and profitable, we don't have to reinvent the wheel. Just follow an example that is working and make it work for us. Our environment is too important to ignore.
872	Karina Richards	Houston, Texas	
873	Danelle Rutledge	Seabrook, Texas	I currently have to drive to Ellington Field to recycle. Everyone should have curb-side recycling 1-2x/week if we want to make a difference in the amount of trash we are burrying in the earth.
874	Jennifer May	Houston, Texas	
875	Pamela Berger	Houston, Texas	Glass and plastic bags should be collected even if they are short-term cost drivers. I recycle anything that doesn't hide but have neighbors who recycle only what is picked up by the City.
876	Naomi Macias	Spring, Texas	I was so excited when my 5 year old niece stop my mom from throwing away her newspaper in the trash! Grandma paper doesn't go there!!:O
877	Tracy Hamblin	Houston, Texas	I wish that the recycling recepticals were larger... if you are recycling everything that the city allows you will have more recycling each week than trash but this amount does not fit in the small bins or keep the small bins and pick up more often which ever would work for me.
878	Emily Winters	Houston, Texas	
879	Sharon Reese	Missouri City, Texas	Hello, my name is Sharon Reese and I have 27 years of working as an Environmental Specialist. My pass back ground include working for the EPA and I have work on many Landfill site and Cleaning up hazardous waste site. I have seen so much in a Landfill that would stop you from using plastic bags. The plastic just sit on top of the Landfill.
880	Jessica Tsao	Houston, Texas	Mayor Bill White, I moved from Sugar Land to Houston about two years ago and I am very disappointed with the lack of recycling that goes on here. My apartment complex does not offer recycling and because of that, I have seen my neighbors throw anything and everything away in the dumpster. This makes me cringe every time I see valuable and recyclable resources being wasted. Houston is such a forward thinking city and I am grateful to have you as our Mayor. I hope you can continue developing our city and helping our world community by taking the necessary steps to allocate recycling in our Houston neighborhoods. I understand that it is easier said than done, but I'm curious to know what problems need to be addressed in order to get it done. Thank you, Jessica Tsao
881	Jennifer Jacobs	Houston, Texas	When we lived in Tomball more than 10 years ago they were doing a much better job of curbside recycling. We have never had any curbside recycling here. It can't be that hard to accomplish and would probably save the city lots of money in the long run.
882	Carol Scott	Bellaire, Texas	
883	Wendy Wilkinson	Houston, Texas	
884	Ellen Custer	Houston, Texas	
885	Katrinka Blystone	Houston, Texas	
886	Ann Garison	Houston, Texas	

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887	Ed Browne	Houston, Texas	The other day I saw a whole pile of old pine lumber 2X's out for heavy trash. They were from a house probably built in the 50's so were from pine before it was engineered to grow so fast (denser wood) and most pieces were 12 feet long and unbroken. If I had the time and a project I would have rescued them from the landfill. After listening to the New Capital show last Thursday on KPFT, I feel really guilty that I didn't. Leo Gold was talking about recycling here in Houston versus San Francisco. We're bragging about how green we are with just 2% of our trash recycled -- SF is 70%. A while ago my wife and I started separating out recycling materials and hauling them to a private recycling firm because we don't get recycling trucks in our neighborhood (yes, we've petitioned). I can sometimes skip the weekly garbage pickup, because a lot goes into the compost pile. If all Houstonians could do this and recycle building materials, etc., imagine how much energy and natural resources we could save. Instead of bragging about how green Houston is or how much park space we have, let's make real contributions to sustainability. Please stop the political posturing and implement real recycling programs.
888	Christopher Webb	Kingwood, Texas	Many more Houstonians will participate in recycling provided they do not need to go out of their way to do it. Besides the usual reasons for recycling, each individual will ultimately contribute far less waste for landfills. A pick-up recycling program with a public awareness campaign stands a good chance of having a majority of residents participating.
889	Sheryl Green	Houston, Texas	I moved to Denver, Colorado in 1983 and we were REQUIRED to recycle our trash. I was born in Houston and I am ashamed to know that we still have no recycling program in 2008! This is sad and disgusting....please help!
890	Carlos Gaos	Houston, Texas	I've lived in several apartment complexes in Houston (specifically Westchase), none of which had recycling. Contrast that with Ukraine, a country with decrepit infrastructure and local government. They had a fully functioning recycling system 10 years ago!
891	Lynette Echeverz	Katy, Texas	
892	Robert Nagle	Houston, Texas	
893	Danny Sadler	Houston, Texas	I was disappointed when, a couple of years ago, the city quit having curbside pick-up of glass objects. We recycle everything that the city will pick-up, and from my perspective, the city needs to expand the program, not cut back on it.
894	Celeste Mancha	League City, Texas	While I appreciate Mayor White's efforts and I do have curbside recycling, (and am lucky enough to live near West U's recycling center, where I can take glass) I support MANDATORY recycling of homes AND businesses. The amount of recyclable corrugated that is thrown out by business in Rice Village Shopping Center is staggering.
895	Hope Sanford	Houston, Texas	
896	Quan Nguyen	Houston, Texas	Please help expand curbside recycling and create financial incentives for businesses to recycle!
897	Kate Sasser	Houston, Texas	
898	Kay Walser	Houston, Texas	
899	Stephen Dictor	Houston, Texas	
900	Selim Ozkul	Houston, Texas	I moved to Houston almost 3 years ago from the midwest, and have NEVER had a pickup service for recycling here in Houston. Most of my life I had organized recycling for both homes, businesses, and apartments. It is unacceptable in 2008 to not provide organized recycling efforts for EVERY neighborhood. Plus - hospitals don't have recycling bins, sidewalks (if there is one) does not have trash cans or any sort of bin. People are wasteful here, and I cannot believe that styrafoam is still being used, I thought that was stopped years ago. Very surprised in Houston, especially the 4th largest state in the U.S. - Unacceptable!
901	Selma Ozkul	Houston, Texas	
902	Demir Karsan	Houston, Texas	
903	Gulgun Karsan	Houston, Texas	
904	Damla Dryden	Houston, Texas	
905	Nick Bell	Houston, Texas	
906	Jamie Powell	Alvin, Texas	
907	Mark Roseman	Houston, Texas	
908	Marika Horn	Houston, Texas	

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909	Diann Chemam	Houston, Texas	I am not satisfied with recycling in Houston. I drive to recycle because there are not enough houses in my neighborhood to be part of the program. We need an incentive for people to recycle like reducing taxes for those who recycle.
910	Iris Weeden	Houston, Texas	Houston has done a lot recently to be proactive and greener but it is a drop in the bucket compared to other cities. What about alternate fuel for our public transportation? Possibly more incentives for carpoolers, and recycling start up programs. As one of the most polluted cities in the country that emits more greenhouse gases than most; we are long overdue in taking care of our part of the globe. City-wide recycling is a great start, and the least we can do to show we care.
911	Marilyn Chappell	Houston, Texas	We live in an annexed part of west Houston and at this time do not have city services for garbage and recycling. Our subdivision is not willing to pay for it. I wish the City of Houston would pass a bill that required this if we are already paying Houston taxes. I would be glad to pay a fee. Thank you.
912	Steven Barber	Houston, Texas	We need the blue recycling cans(matching the black garbage cans). The previous green crates fill w/water, when it rains. I get neither @ this point, however.
913	Roger Choate	Houston, Texas	
914	Sarah Fenoglio	Houston, Texas	I currently drive to the recyleing center off of Westpark, so that I can recycle more of my waste. Currently the recycling comes twice a month to my home, and this simply isn't regualr enough.
915	Susan Kiely	Katy, Texas	I don't live in the city of Houston, but I have experience with your program. My good friend lives in the city limits and brings her plastic recycling to work on a weekly basis so that I can place it with my recycle bin. It wouldn't be hard to place drop boxes around and let people take it there. That would be a limited number of stops. Did you know that enough plastic bottles are thrown away each year in the United States to circle the earth four times? One ton of recycled plastic saves 5,774 Kwh of energy, 16.3 barrels (685 gallons) of oil, 98 million Btu's of energy, and 30 cubic yards of landfill space. Approximately 88% of the energy is saved by producing plastic from plastic as opposed to plastic from the raw materials of oil and gas. Please think about what you can do to protect our environment.
916	Eric Carpenter	Redwood City, California	I would like to see Houston increase the number of items they are willing to recycle.
917	Emily Hill	Houston, Texas	
918	Alice Olivo	Trebaseleghe, Italy	
919	Berry Clarkson	Santa Clara, California	
920	Jaclyn Herfarth	Houston, Texas	I recently moved from an apartment in Austin where almost everyone recycles. At this point I'm just wanting my apartment to take some initiative to make the environment a better place by offering recycling.
921	Charles Harrison	Houston, Texas	
922	Sreelatha Panthayi	Houston, Texas	
923	Brook Knox	Houston, Texas	
924	Linda Ercole Musso	Galveston, Texas	I volunteered for the recent, Art Car Parade. On Friday, for the Main Street Drag I personally recycled the paper and plastic. On Saturday, at the parade, it was dismaying to see that our city has opportunities to recycle and yet we are sooo far behind in offering our citizens the means to do so. I want to see my city in the forefront of being a good steward of our environment.
925	Vicki Standley	Houston, Texas	
926	Brad Wilson	Tomball, Texas	our recycling program is dismal. Please let's work together to improve it.
927	Laura Blum	Angleton, Texas	
928	James M. Rine	Houston, Texas	This is an important issue, please give it consideration.
929	Martha Beemer	Houston, Texas	
930	Raymond Luna, Jr.	Houston, Texas	
931	Jose Velasquez	Houston, Texas	This is a matter of urgency, we must act now.
932	Tony Beckman	Conroe, Texas	

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933	Gunter Schaa	Houston, Texas	I have a Houston mailing address but do not live in the City of Houston. I live in Ft. Bend County just a mile outside Harris County. We do have recycling pick-up once a week for plastic, paper and aluminium for no extra charge in our subdivision. From my observation I would guess that about 60%-70% of the residents participate.
934	Nancy Mcnease	Houston, Texas	If the City of Houston is recycling so much less than other cities, it's a disgrace. Let's show those other cities that we're the BEST. There are lots of folks on my street who recycle, but we can do better.
935	Chuck Dudonis	Houston, Texas	
936	Carl Brunsting	Houston, Texas	
937	Compton Reynolds	Katy, Texas	I am new to Houston but I like the recycling idea.
938	Gregory Broyles	Houston, Texas	Recycling must be part of any public entity's management of waste resources. It should also be part of each household's management of these resources. We live on an increasingly overcrowded and overused planet. Please allow all Houstonians to participate in this activity that is necessary for the survival of life on earth.
939	Ashley Monzingo	Houston, Texas	
940	Rohit Sharma	Houston, Texas	
941	Christine Schaffer	Manvel, Texas	It is offensive that a city the size of Houston cannot recycle effectively. I currently throw almost nothing except #3,4,&5 plastics away. I must work hard to do this. It is really important to me that I care for the environment in which I live. Why do we not have city officials who care about the quality of life in this area? Why do they not understand that at this point in history we must conserve and care diligently for our environment and our resources which they do not mind squandering in land fills?
942	Mary E Allen	Houston, Texas	
943	Gerri Huck	Houston, Texas	I am continually amazed at how little Houston does in the way of recycling. It paints such an irresponsible and selfish picture of a city that I know can do better. While my colleagues in Minnesota, California, and elsewhere talk about their city's advanced recycling capabilities, I sit here looking at paper and other items I have had to collect and take halfway across town to recycle. Also, the amount of yard clippings people bag up and throw away is unbelievable. These items should not be allowed into our landfills. As soon as you seal and bury yard clippings, they cease to decompose. Yard clippings use a huge portion of already limited landfill space. Why is it so difficult to be a little more responsible with our waste? Thank you to everyone who is working to improve Houston's recycling efforts.
944	Susan Kupper	Houston, Texas	
945	Carnell Hight	Houston, Texas	Hi My name is Carnell Hight. I really would like to see this done here in Houston, Tx. We have a great need for this. It really needs to be done all over the UNITED STATES. If we all do our part. We can help make this a better & cleaner world for our children & grandchildren. Thank You
946	Bonita Monzingo	Houston, Texas	
947	James Wyatt	Houston, Texas	I live in an apartment, and so I don't know how that system would work. I do know that recycling is necessary for us to keep the earth clean and to maximize our limited resources. If I were in my own home, I would pay an additional fee, if necessary, to recycle.
948	Lelia Taleih	Houston, Texas	
949	Jennifer Tuturea	Houston, Texas	We need financial compensation to get people going. Will and I recycle because it's fun and we make a day of it, but I know that not everyone feels that way. In Norway, you can get up to the equivalent of 20cents per bottle you recycle, and then the grocery store prints out a credit ticket, and then you can buy groceries with your credit, and then drop in your credit ticket into the 'papier' recycle bin! I WANT THAT.
950	Pen Morrison	Houston, Texas	We love Houston, have lived here for 30 years by choice, and want to lead our country in being a green city. Help us help the city we love!
951	Ronald Parry	Houston, Texas	
952	Mohammad Alvi	Houston, Texas	I really care about recycling in Houston. Houston needs to do better in the area of recycling. (Recycling minimizes Lan-fill needs)

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953	Allan Randerson	Houston, Texas	I was very pleased to see recyclables being collected from the street, but progress has been non-existent since then. What are you doing about it?
954	Valerie Schoenberg	Houston, Texas	
955	Mark Herranen	Houston, Texas	Recycling is one positive step toward changing our throw-away culture and living an earth-friendly lifestyle. I recycle paper, glass and plastic at a recycling center.
956	Rachel Ford-Dingfield	Cleveland, Texas	I moved here from Michigan when I was a child and I can remember thinking even then that the recycling system in Houston was appalling. Where I could go out and put my recyclables on the curb I could no longer, that has made some progress but not nearly enough. In a place where Don't mess with Texas seems to be our motto why is it that our streets, bayous, ocean, etc... are still filled with trash?? Why is it that we put in tons of landfills but not so many recycling centers? Perhaps it is because we are one of the dirtiest cities and states in the entire nation and it is about time we cleaned up our act!!! While the fact that Houston recycles only 2% of its trash does not come as a surprise to me the actuality is disturbing! Hopefully our elected representatives can take the initiative to do at least a little bit better or better yet set its aims as high as other places in our country.
957	Michel Murphy	Houston, Texas	More days more ways, are needed.
958	Diana K Totah	Houston, Texas	I live in an inner city neighborhood in Houston. I have terrific curbside recycling service. And the city recycling center is nearby. I am a rabid recycler. But it seems that I am in the minority. Recycling in my own area is actually very low, even though recycling is very made very easy for us. And I know that the recycling opportunities are much worse in suburban areas. I feel that much more awareness about this issue needs to be raised. I'm tired of being the only person who brings their own bags to the grocery store.
959	Alain Void	Woodlands, Texas	
960	Kaylee Hodges	Spring, Texas	i want to see houston clean up its act and get with it!!
961	Tamra Leland	Houston, Texas	We finally have curbside recycling--after years of having none, but it is still limited to 1s and 2s.
962	Melanie Wingerson	Houston, Texas	I would love to see Harris county involved in recycling. We live in the county and there is NO neighborhood pickup at all. We must take our items to schools or not at all. Just two streets from me the city of Houston has pickups everyweek. I want to see the county do more to help in this effort.
963	Dan Sharber	Houston, Texas	
964	Constance Hampton	Houston, Texas	I have only lived in the part of Houston that recycles for 2 years and am so delighted with it. I wish we could recycle glass. I would not mind a fee to add more things to recycle. My street adds a new recycle box fairly often. We were one of the few when we first moved in. I think the mayor rarely puts a foot wrong. He is by far the best we have had in my 50 years in Houston.
965	Elizabeth Abraham	Katy, Texas	I live in the suburbs of Houston & we have a recycling program which collects papers & plastic. Anything else get dumped in the trash. I would like a serious effort on part of Houston to educate people on where our trash goes through media outlets & schools. I would like the program to move beyond the plastic & paper recycling. Anything that can be used should be removed from the trash. Recycle the kitchen waste & yard waste. Supplying compost bins to all residents would help. People who have more trash should be asked to pay more to dispose them. This will make people think twice before they throw stuff out. Trash takes space & pollutes our environment. With education, leadership & sincere cooperative effort we can make the difference in our city & in our neighborhoods
966	Anastasia Benton	Magnolia, Texas	Houston needs to be more proactive when it comes to environmental issues. People do consider these things when thinking about moving to this area. Our reputation could stand some improvement.
967	Mark Bernier	Waller, Texas	The NYT article should say enough!
968	Melvin Chappell	Houston, Texas	
969	Susan Cribbs	Houston, Texas	

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970	Patty Henry	Houston, Texas	As a HISD school teacher/librarian, I see how very concerned Houston children are about the environment. Regardless of the issue, if it concerns the environment-Houston is usually doing a poor job. Our school just won a \$10,000 grant entitled Turning the Rice school green. We're doing our part--what is the City doing? Personally, I recycle just about everything possible by going to a recycling center but it is a chore that most people are not willing to do. Please take action now.....this is the time to ACT!
971	Greta Bernitz	Houston, Texas	lets all try to make a difference.
972	Kristi Hutchison	Fresno, California	
973	Nathaniel Byrd D.D	Houston, Texas	
974	Caroline Hendryx	Houston, Texas	
975	Barbara Bunton	Austin, Texas	
976	Chester Rowell	Alvin, Texas	
977	John Labonte	Houston, Texas	We know we can do better as individuals, communities, and a nation. It takes leadership to bring people along. As a teacher I nurture the desire in my students to make the right decision and be accountable for there actions. Many of my students have little knowledge of were to recycle. Government must set up the tools for the next generation to become better citicians.
978	Hea Jin	Pearland, Texas	
979	Charles Laird	Missouri City, Texas	I would like to sign my name as part of this effort to enhance our programs for recycling in Houston, TX.
980	Herman Mcelyea	Conroe, Texas	
981	Janet Irby	Sugar Land, Texas	Everyone should participate because of our wasteful lifestyles.
982	Richard Schaffer	Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina	
983	Lyle Jenkins	Houston, Texas	We use the Ellington and Post Oak recycling centers. Keep the heavy trash pickup, weekly.
984	Michael Keller	Houston, Texas	There is a bi-weekly recycle pickup in my neighborhood, which is all to the good. However, it would be an improvement to add glass to the pickup items, in addition to the present plastic and paper. I too think that Houston should be a leader in ecological matters.
985	Diana Soliz	Houston, Texas	The City of Houston's recycling system is antiquated and poorly funded. It seems as if very little thought and effort is put into the few recycling centers that exist. I would love to see neighborhood recycling centers and increased public education on what and how to recycle.
986	Diana Soliz	Houston, Texas	Houston's recycling program is antiquated and very poorly funded. I would love to see neighborhood recycling centers that include educational material.
987	Arwen Imai	Houston, Texas	Houston needs to be a leader in the nation for sustainability. We have such a large population that we really need to show the nation how to preserve the environment.
988	Jillian Williams	Ashtabula, Ohio	
989	Alton Lane	Houston, Texas	
990	Steve Sims	Houston, Texas	
991	Candice Hogans	Houston, Texas	
992	Mario Salinas	Houston, Texas	
993	Amanda Moss	Houston, Texas	
994	Zee Zea- Bochantin	Houston, Texas	When I moved to Houston in 1994 I was dissapointed to find out Houston didn't recycle, or at least not in my area. I've lived in two other US cities where recycling is very much reinforced, New York and New Orleans. Isn't Houston the Space capital of the US? and the best we can do is 2%? That doesn't sound too spacey... C'mon Houston, make us proud, we can do it!
995	R. Riley Hatch	Houston, Texas	Our city needs this, and with all of the pollution, and grime we throw out there, it is absolutely our responsibility as a city to do some good. This is our planet. Let's be good stewards.
996	David Biber	Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania	I've been to Houston once to visit relatives. As one of the cultural centers in the U.S. the city needs to be a leader in conservation and lose the label as one of the most polluted. Improving recycling is a good start to that goal.

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997	Rebecca Cox	Houston, Texas	I was appalled to see how little plastic can be recycled. Only those with a #1 or #2 code are eligible, which eliminates many containers. Also, glass is not recycled curbside, therefore, much of it goes into the landfill. This is remarkably out of date and costing the city large sums of money. Recycling is essential to the upkeep of our city..
998	Flores Jose	Houston, Texas	
999	Adam Thomas	Houston, Texas	
1000	Wilbur Harrison	Houston, Texas	
1001	Carolyn Sampley	Houston, Texas	
1002	Frances Rose	Houston, Texas	I live in an apt. complex and it would be no big deal to get a program started to collect LARGE amounts of trash.If we put our efforts into recycling our trash, in a short time we would see the benefits to our city.
1003	Brandon Perera	Sioux City, Iowa	
1004	Gina Gomez	Houston, Texas	C'mon Houston! We've got to get our trash out of the landfills. I want a portion of my city taxes paying for an efficient recycling program. It will SAVE money in the long run!
1005	Bonnie Ross	Houston, Texas	We need more recycling in Houston! I wish I could say how recycling works for me, but I can't since recycling isn't done in my area. (I live in Montrose, but my area isn't covered). I would be willing to pay a higher fee for this service. However, there should also be higher garbage fees because the environmental consequences are much greater than if the items were recycled. Also, its a no brainer--people will recycle if the recycling fee is less than the garbage fee. Also, do we really want to be known to future generations as the throw away society? Let's do it.
1006	Christopher Lopez	Houston, Texas	
1007	John W Collins	Houston, Texas	Houston, the 4th largest city in the USA, being run like a one light town in the middle of nowhere. We need to recycle, NO excuses. All concern citizens must demand that this began NOW!!! No waiting, no debating; just start doing what is necessary and right for this country and the earth.john w collins
1008	Lincoln Pettaway	Houston, Texas	
1009	Leonard Moore	Houston, Texas	
1010	Reese Asbury	Houston, Texas	
1011	B J Stemke	Houston, Texas	
1012	Randal Granger	Sugar Land, Texas	
1013	Geoffrey Birkholz	Houston, Texas	Houston needs a comprehensive recycling program for all entities: family, business, food industry(grocery/restaurant), and industry (incl.airlines at our airports)involving enforceable rules,or penalties for disposing as waste. Progressive cities recycle 10's of percent of their total waste, Houston is barely single digits, and much can be learned quickly without expensive feasibility studies, with savings from dumpsites offsetting some costs. We CAN do this, and is of utmost importance not to throw away our present, nevertheless the future.
1014	Darryl Lauster	Houston, Texas	
1015	Kristin Schwartz-Lauster	Houston, Texas	How is it that we do not have curbside glass recycling? For a city of this size, it's really shocking that we do not recycle the MOST easily recyclable material.
1016	Celia Salmeron	Houston, Texas	
1017	Brian Ladage	Houston, Texas	Would like to see more insentives to get people involved with personal recycling. Finding ways to make recycling glass and electronic equipment easier would be helpful. Recycling at sporting venues, restaurants, bars, parks and other public areas could be greatly improved.
1018	Jayne Naff	Fort Worth, Texas	
1019	Sue Guerrero	Pearland, Texas	I may not reside in Houston city limits but my children and I work and play 70% of the time in Houston. It is disappointing that the 4th largest city has not done more to reduce and reuse.
1020	Taryn Nash	Houston, Texas	I have experienced a lot of frustration with the difficulties of recycling in Houston, both my own and those of fellow students and friends. There are many of us that want to take this step to helping reduce our footprint, but would really appreciate being met halfway by our city.
1021	Stephen Levy	Pearland, Texas	
1022	Robert Reynerson	Houston, Texas	

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1023	Andre Lehr	Houston, Texas	I currently use the recycle location off of Washington Ave. I like the location and am willing to do my part to recycle as much as we can as a City. I am willing to pay extra for more visual locations along with education.
1024	Melissa Juvan-Finegold	Houston, Texas	I am troubled that when I put out the recycling for pickup, half the time it doesn't get picked up. It seems that the recycling truck sometimes skips our neighborhood. I see the same bins left out for over two weeks.
1025	Decarlo Decarlo	Houston, Texas	PLEASE add recycling of plastics for numbers other than 1 and 2. This is outrageous that our city has not done this yet.
1026	Allison Donner	Houston, Texas	
1027	Joseph Hood	Houston, Texas	Mayor, I would like to see you help improve the recycling effort in Houston. I believe you have certainly done much more than the previous administration in so many ways, traffic lights, congestion... Yet, when the curbside recycling will not pick up glass I've got to question the sincerity of the effort. I'm grateful for the Center St. location behind the Star pizza on Washington but I'd like to think that many of the lazier Houstonians would recycle more if the City made more of an effort. When I lived in Dickinson their curbside program was far more extensive and trash collection was twice a week. I know you've heard it before but it's true, moving to Houston has much cost more for fewer services. I'll stop here before I fire up on the property tax issue, Californias prop 13 is needed here.
1028	Louise Boilevin	Vancouver, Canada	My daughter lives in an apt complex and it would be so easy to place some recycling bins next to the dumpster and help the planet out, especially since everyone in the complex has to carry their garbage to the dumpster!
1029	Eileen Donner	Houston, Texas	
1030	Andrew Henczak	Houston, Texas	Houston's program is for all intent and purposes nil. There's a bottle recycling center off Ella Blvd and 610. Some supermarkets such as Kroger have from time to time attempted to recycle plastic bottles and bags. There is no reason to have to pay for recycling since the money the city would get from an effective recycling program would more than pay for itself. Unfortunately, Houston as well as Texas as a whole is not environmentally progressive in it's thinking generally, but rather lazy, arrogant and has a litterbug mentality. How about extended curbside recycling to unincorporated Houston?
1031	Jason Demmi	Houston, Texas	I am originally from Houston. I lived in Los Angeles from 1987-1996 and recycling and even garbage pick up is far superior there to what we have available here. Time to catch up!
1032	Debra Sladek, Nd	Seabrook, Texas	
1033	Nicole Walker	Houston, Texas	
1034	Linda Price	Houston, Texas	
1035	Lori Doran	Houston, Texas	
1036	Sarah Mcgee Heath	Houston, Texas	
1037	Phil Hyde	Houston, Texas	I would like to see glass picked up at curbside, as well as plastics other than #1/2.
1038	Jessica Holoubek	Houston, Texas	We need weekly recycling, not just twice a month. My recycling builds up in my garage, and if I forget which week is which, it can really build up! I would gladly pay a small fee for better recycling services.
1039	Kathleen A Boyd	Houston, Texas	I am impressed with the improvement in city services in general under Mayor White, and in particular with 311 service & Fast Tow. However, I am disappointed in the lack of citywide recycling. We are far behind not just San Francisco but other international capitals in this regard!
1040	Janis Hyde	Houston, Texas	Houston is full of lazy people. I cannot believe how many people have curbside recycling and refuse to use it. I think one of the reasons people don't think recycling is important is because they think that their garbage just magically disappears and doesn't affect them at all. I visited the Atascocita landfill in 1994, and it was a real eye opener. They said that that landfill would be full in less than 20 years hmmmmmm Texas is so big, we can just start a new landfill in someone else's back yard.
1041	Adam Beck	Houston, Texas	

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1042	Shea Sandefer	Houston, Texas	Houston is long overdue for improvements to its recycling program. There are markets for plastics other than 1 and 2 and I would really like to know if the city has pursued potential buyers for other post-consumer plastics. I have also read that cities like Chicago that don't require their citizens to sort, have a much higher rate of participation. They found it is actually more cost effective to pay the labor to sort and make money selling post-consumer recycled waste.
1043	Melanie Gehman	Houston, Texas	There is a political barrier to recycling in Houston due to the historical practice of free garbage collection service. Since users have no incentive to divert from their free garbage pickup service, policy makers have found it politically unfeasible to invoke a pay-for-service plan for recycling pick-up - the only plan that makes large scale curbside recycling fiscally possible. Houstonians must face the full cost of their consumption and pay for their waste. We can not continue to pass the buck to future generations.
1044	Amy Webb	Houston, Texas	
1045	Melissa Kovacs	Houston, Texas	I am originally from California and was horrified when I moved to Houston and realized what horrible recycling systems the city has in place. What's worse, about 6 months ago we were sent a new list of much more specific standards for recycling that are so incredibly restrictive that it almost proves not just inconsequential, but ridiculous to even pretend there is effort being made. For someone who talks big about the environment, its an embarrassment that our mayor has done nothing to decrease the two arenas where our massively large city pollutes most--our city's recycling and joke of an effort at mass transportation.
1046	Ben Woitena	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1047	Amy Tate	Houston, Texas	I would love to see Houston recycling plastics besides the 1 & 2 types. Also, singleboard cardboard (cereal boxes, etc.) And I think the city should be aggressively encouraging recycling - receptacles at all city parks, for example. Tax our trash!
1048	Kathryn Pelkey	Crosby, Texas	I think that the Houston program is awful. I have lived here for nearly 30 years coming from the San Francisco area. I was driving 30 miles round trip to drop off my recycling. Years ago that dropoff was closed and it would be a 70 mile roundtrip to drop off recycling material. I think that the suburbs where I live has no plan and stresses no recycling. There are no recycling bins next to the regular garbage bins. I feel that the city should be further with a plan (especially when a President is from this city) than they are at this point. There should be pick ups arranged with the garbage services and more stations with bins for you to drop waste off. I would be willing to pay some but need to see a plan in place first.
1049	Robert Webb	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1050	Cari Brookbanks	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1051	Melanie Mancino	Houston, Texas	The fact that San Francisco recycles 70% of waste and Houston only 2% doesn't make sense to me. Where do tax dollars go? Maybe Houston could put all of the wrecker drivers that show up at the scene of every accident (I've counted 30+ wreckers on the scene of a mini fender bender causing worse traffic, additional accidents and chaos) and put them to use picking up recycle items in neighborhoods and take them to one of the ONLY 2 locations for recycling. I have tons of glass and plastic items and don't have time to drive from NW Houston to Hwy 59 and Westpark to drop it off. We need help helping the earth!

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1052	Darnell Muhammad	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1053	Caroline D'Souza	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1054	Todd Bredbeck	Houston, Texas	We recycle as much as we can at the curb, and then take the rest over to the West University recycling center. When we go, there are always several other people and sometimes a line of cars waiting to recycle. Certainly with a little effort on the part of the city to raise the public's awareness Houston can do better.
1055	Angela Brittain	Houston, Texas	As one of the most populated cities in the USA, we need to be a shining example to other cities. It is embarassing that Houston is so behind in recycling. We could make a huge positive impact. And yes, I'd be willing to pay a small monthly amount of \$10 or \$15 to support the recycling efforts.
1056	Louis Williams	Houston, Texas	It's shameful that the nation's 4th largest city doesn't have an integrated recycling program. Houston should try improving its image from the bottom-up not from top-down. No matter how many mega-stadiums we build, no one will want to live here if the city stays stuck in the 19th century. Let's join the first-world people! Give us recycling!
1057	Paul Lindstrom	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1058	Tiffany Morgan	Houston, Texas	thanks.
1059	John Thorne	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1060	Vincent Favreau	Houston, Texas	The recycling system in the heights is twice a month. I could use a once a week program. Right now I go every week to the local recycling center to dump glass and big carton boxes. I would pay 5-10\$ a month to get ALL my recycling picked up at the curb (glass included). We could use several bins so we can sort (paper, plastic, glass) and save the city money.
1061	Jan Vanliere	Houston, Texas	We have 3 Recycle bins and use all. It is a shame that I hear from others that the city has DISCONTINUED Recycling in other neighborhoods. In the 4th largest city in the U.S., Houston is an abomination to the planet for not doing more. Shame on all of us, especially the policymakers.
1062	Janet Buller	Pattison, Texas	I'd like Houston to be a LEADER in recycling and show its commitment to the environment. I live outside of Houston, and struggle to find recycling here, but in a large city it should be much easier to find a place to recycle a bottle in a park than trash it. Let's teach our children to reduce our waste so we don't have more environmental problems in the future.
1063	Debbie McNulty	Houston, Texas	We'd like to have the green bins in our neighborhood.
1064	Tom Wood	Houston, Texas	Houston has done little to encourage recycling since its commencement. My family recycle everything possible and in place of using 3 or 4 plastic trash bags each week we are down to ONE. WOW. @10 cents a bag we save over \$10 each year = 2 1/2 gallons of gas. Encourage and educate residents. We can do this without additional funding from the community by saving in other directions.
1065	Dina Beck	Houston, Texas	Recycling pays for itself in the future. without a vision we are like a dead fish in the water...if Houston wants to survive it has to break from old wasteful traditions before it is too late....if it is not too late already. we are late in recognizing global warming...peak oil...extremism...pollution...the list goes on and on...don't be a fool...act now.

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1066	Melissa Swarts	Houston, Texas	City council: This is a good thing not only for me as an individual, but I believe for the City as a whole. Houston has a reputation of not being very environmentally friendly and in the past, short-sighted in planning and decision making. Let's change that for the benefit of all. I see a lot of great improvements to the city in the past few years, and I think this will be a great addition to the list. We are all responsible to doing our part, and I believe we have the city council that is capable of seeing the absolute need of a better recycling program. When the City provides and encourages these services this will help support this change in culture that is desperately needed and is slowly already happening. Thank you so much for implementing the items in this petition.
1067	Richard Covert	Houston, Texas	I started recycling over 17 years ago. It was convenient. The recycle bins were only about 2 blocks from my apartment and I could recycle my type 1, 2, 3 and 7 plastics, along with aluminum and tin cans and paper. Since that time the city's recycling program has slipped into reverse. The recycle bins were removed and then I had to travel 10 miles to get to a recycling center. When dropped my things off there I was treated as though I didn't belong there even though the center was on the City's recycle locations brochures. Since that time I now own a home and the situation is pretty much the same. I still have to drive some distance, adding more pollutants like particulates, sulfur dioxide, carbon monoxide and carbon dioxide into the atmosphere as I do this. The city will only accept type 1 and 2 plastics now and they must be narrow necked bottles. What's happening here! We're going in reverse not forward! Our recycle rate is 2% according to a New York Times article. San Francisco is doing 75%. We can do better. A big part of the problem is that people have to drive to drop off their recyclables so they don't do it. Instead I am horrified at what they throw away. The types of things thrown out run the gambit from computer monitors, containing lead, cadmium and mercury, to fluorescent light bulbs containing mercury. THIS STUFF SHOULD NOT BE GOING INTO A LAND FILL! So I propose we go to the next phase of recycling and require mandatory pickup of recycled materials from all of Houston's residential subdivisions and apartment complexes. Two buckets could be provided by the city. One is for trash and the other for recyclables with a fee placed on anything above 1 bucket a week for trash so that recycling is encouraged.
1068	Joaquin Vargas	Houston, Texas	I lived in LA ten years ago and I had recycling bins provided by the city. That was ten years ago. I live in Houston and drive to Pearland off 518 to recycle my goods.
1069	Terri Hudler-Hull	Houston, Texas	I love the fact that Houston is recycling, however, it could be broader. Mine gets picked up every other week and so on the weeks I have too much to hold on to I take it to the West University site close to my home. It would be great to have a more convenient Houston site. I would also like to see more recycling going on at public functions. My personal garbage has gone down significantly since I recycle. I would be willing to pay a fee to increase the ability of the city to recycle. Sincerely, Terri Hudler-Hull
1070	Amanda Stinger	Kansas City, Missouri	please increase Houston's social and enviro-responsibility!
1071	Camille Converse	The Woodlands, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1072	Carl Hardee	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1073	Todd Freeman	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?

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1074	Ann Campbell	Houston, Texas	We live in Bunker Hill Village and I am not even sure if they recycle the recycling we put out. They will remove everything even glass, but it can't be recycled with what they take (I take my glass and cardboard to the recycling center). We lived overseas for years and I am very disappointed with the feabile efforts of Houston in this department. We need to be responsible citizens of the world, not just consumer users who fill up landfills.
1075	Leticia Sanchez	Friendswood, Texas	I moved to Friendswood from San Antonio and was amazed that I couldn't get the neighborhood to approve a recylcing program. I have to pack up my recyclables and drop them off every two weeks. It's bad enough to put up with the pollution from the chemical plants but I can't believe that so many people are against recycling. I do applaud the mayor for attempting to make companies enforce environmental regulations. Now he needs to make recyling a priority of the city.
1076	Emily Hill	Houston, Texas	Please. It's ridiculous that we dont already do this.
1077	Jane Greenberg	Houston, Texas	I live in Southampton, a neighborhood just north of Rice University. There is no curbside recycling in this neighborhood. Although I am certain that many more people would recycle had they the convenience of curbside, I am heartened each time I go for my weekly drop off at the recycling center. The place is typically full of those trying to do their part to care for this planet. So full at times that waiting is required (one of the few times I am pleased to have to wait). I absolutely would pay whatever fee to ensure that Houston steps up its recycling! As a transplant from San Francisco, I am appalled by the discrepancy between the two cities. There are so many things I'd like to recycle here in Houston, and should be able to, but no place will take them. Thank you for any effort to push forward Houston's lagging and lacking recycling program.
1078	Crystal Mccullough	Houston, Texas	Why are only select neighborhoods given recycling bins? How can recycling become more accessable to those living outside of loop 610?
1079	C. Douglas Brookover	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1080	Philip Krieg	Houston, Texas	[Put your personal comments here to go along with your signature. What is your experience with Houston's program? Are you satisfied with it? What changes do you want to see? Are you willing to pay some fee for a better system, and if so how much?
1081	Carol Kelly	Houston, Texas	Please keep the recycling program it is very important to me.thanks Carol