

**City of Fridley: Trash Hauler Monopoly**

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As loyal Fridley residents and taxpayers (my husband's family has lived in the home we now own since 1959; my father-in-law served as both City Council representative and mayor in the '60s), this is our perception of recent actions by the Council: Last December, the Council responded to the concerns of many residents opposed to moving to a trash hauler monopoly by tabling the issue. (We conveyed the sentiments highlighted below to all Council members and the Mayor prior to the 2013 vote on the matter.)

Now that the elections are safely behind us, the Council reprises the issue. Hmmm. And when opposition continues to mount, the Council re-schedules the vote on it for two days before Christmas, when not many citizens will be available to attend. Hmmm, again.

We wish to resubmit the sentiments shared in our December 2013 email, and urge your consider how disappointing it is to taxpayers to have the appearance of political trickery occurring right down here at the grass roots level.

As long-time residents of Fridley, we are against limiting our freedom to select a refuse hauler of our own choice, and believe that any benefits of a one-hauler mandate from City government would be outweighed by the negatives. We prefer always for government entities to err on the side of freedom, and options equal better service and lower consumer costs. Please vote against this proposed monopoly at the December 23rd Council meeting. Thank you.

Jack and Sue Anne Kirkham