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ILLEGAL DUMPING ISSUES

- 1) Increased Frequency Issues – Frequency of illegal dumping is higher in the past few years due to the poor economy and high cost of disposal of items at the Davis Street Transfer Station. This is especially true for bulky items like sofa's, mattresses and large furniture (see attached bill for \$149.10 for four mattresses and two small sofa's dated October 19, 2012). Lower income neighborhoods are the most impacted areas due to residents' frequent moves and use of second hand furniture and other items. These residents generally do not have the resources to self haul items to Davis Street. Responsible local alternatives that residents can easily directly access are needed.
- 2) Standard Notification Issues – How is "Courtesy Notice" to adjacent proper property owner's issued? By mail or other means? To which address? What if property manager is involved? Or out of area owner? What about "institutional" owners like HUSD, UPRR, CALTRANS and others?

Then once the "courtesy notice" is issued, 72 hours from the date of issue is not enough time for owner through its "chain of command" to clean up debris. Imagine a notice issued via U.S. Mail to out of area owner on a Thursday. At best, they will not receive it until Monday and 72 hours has passed.

It takes time to organize a clean-up by hiring a third party hauler. Even if it's a large organization with in-house capabilities, it often takes 1-3 business days to schedule this type of work with in-house resources. Please note that it takes seven days for Waste Management of Alameda County personnel to remove items. Seventy-two hours from date of issuance is not enough time for compliance.

- 3) Self-Haul Issues – While the self-haul two yard coupons are a welcomed first step (as a \$90.00 value) it does not address mattresses, electronics or those who lack self haul resources.
- 4) Fee Issues - \$920.00 for City to abate illegal dumping seems very excessive. Most garbage piles are a couple of mattresses, some electronics and furniture that would be at most a \$150.00 load at Davis Street. Is this another profit center for the City? What is the special assessment (annual per parcel) of \$342.00 on Page 219)?

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- 5) Long-Term Solution – Curbside dumping is a general public health issue and the cost of the solution should be borne by all rate payers in Hayward. The City's franchised hauler, Waste Management of Alameda County, is best suited to provide long-term solutions through on-call bulky item pickups for all residential customers in Hayward.

In addition to the solutions proposed by Mr. Tim May of RHASAC, we request that the bulky item pickup be expanded to include multiple pickups per year for all residential customers, including multifamily, especially in Hayward's lower income areas like Palma Ceia, Harder, Tennyson, Jackson triangle and South Garden.