

# ATTENTION ALL TAXPAYERS

## Reject a Single Garbage Hauler!

Rochester Hills City Council will meet on May 14 on a proposal for a single garbage hauler for the entire city which includes a 1.1 mill TAX INCREASE! As assessments increase each year the cost of trash pick-up will increase automatically! The City plan will NOT SAVE THE PEOPLE MONEY in the long run as assessments always increase each year!

### HERE ARE OTHER REASONS TO REJECT SUCH ACTION:

- This will eliminate competition and create a MONOPOLY.
- This will create another bureaucracy at great taxpayer expense
- A single hauler will NOT ensure lower rates; it can/will raise fees
- We don't need the City to pay our trash bills for us and charge us for doing so
- The city has already wasted \$50,000 on a garbage consultant—why didn't Council consult the residents at no cost? Or ask us in the recent Survey?
- This issue has been considered MANY times in past years and We The People soundly rejected it. WHY does this idea keep coming back--WHO WILL BENEFIT?
- Trash fees will be based on the value of our homes—isn't this discriminatory?
- Other Communities have either voted this idea down or are having problems with a single hauler. Why did some communities vote on this and we are being denied our right to vote?
- State Law allows Council to levy up to 3 mills for trash service without our vote
- The City should concern itself with cost overruns on the enormous City Hall expansion for which they sold bonds WITHOUT VOTER APPROVAL AS REQUIRED BY CITY CHARTER!

**WHAT CAN WE DO?** Attend the May 14, 2003 Council Study Session or call [24-hour voice mail] or E-mail Council Members. Study Session will be held at 7:30 pm at the old Letica Bldg. 1700 W. Hamlin [north side] between Livernois and Crooks.

Tell them:

**"IT ISN'T BROKE, SO DON'T TRY TO FIX IT!"**

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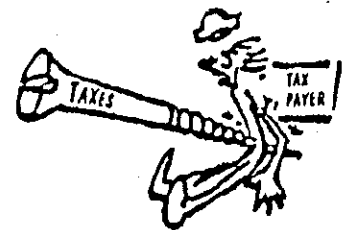
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**IF THE PEOPLE DON'T SPEAK UP THIS WILL BE A DONE DEAL!**

**DON'T GIVE UP YOUR RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE WITH YOUR OWN HAULER!!**

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