

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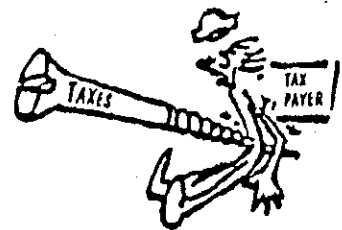
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IF THE PEOPLE DON'T SPEAK UP THIS WILL BE A DONE DEAL!

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

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