

February 9, 2012

Mayor Aron Cromwell
City Hall
P.O. Box 708
Lawrence, KS 66044

Dear Mayor Cromwell:

The City of Lawrence Sustainability Advisory Board (SAB) members would like to convey our full support of the final Solid Waste Task Force (SWTF) Report. We believe the SWTF recommendations, when implemented, will make great strides toward making Lawrence a more sustainable community.

As evidenced by ETC Institute's 2008 Recycling Survey, Lawrence residents overwhelming support a citywide curbside recycling program. This program will increase Lawrence's relatively low 38-percent citywide recycle rate, as well as divert more recyclable materials from our contracted landfill.

The SWTF's recommendation on mandatory containers will also have numerous benefits. Standard containers make the formation of variable rate pricing less complex, leading to equity that does not currently exist in the solid waste pricing structure. Containerization will also increase efficiency and, more importantly, reduce worker injuries.

The SAB would like to thank all of the SWTF members for donating their time and efforts to this important topic. Please let us know how we can assist in moving the SWTF recommendations forward. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Chad Luce
SAB Chairperson

Cc: Vice Mayor Bob Schumm
Commissioner Michael Dever
Commissioner Hugh Carter
Commissioner Mike Amyx
City Manager David Corliss

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February 8, 2012

City Commission
City Hall
6 E. 6th Street
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Dear Commission Members,

The East Lawrence Neighborhood Association would like to offer its support for the Solid Waste Task Force's recommendations in their report. We look forward to recycling on a city-wide scale with a process that is extremely easy for the average citizen. As one of our members said, it's about time!

Sincerely,

Leslie Soden, President
East Lawrence Neighborhood Association