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Public Comment

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RE: Item A-76, June 27, 2023

76. PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT 23-00588

Set a hearing to consider recommendations regarding the approval of the Exclusive Franchise Agreement for Solid Waste Collection in Zone 4 and Zone 5, Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, as follows:
(Set a hearing for July 11, 2023. Time estimate: 30 minutes)

a) Approve and authorize the Chair to execute the proposed Franchise Agreement between County of Santa Barbara and MarBorg Industries, Inc. for residential, multi-family, and commercial solid waste, recyclables, organics, and special waste collection services for Zones 4 and 5 effective July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2034;

Chair Williams and Supervisors:

I am writing to express the opinion of the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association that the proposed action to execute the proposed Franchise Agreement between County of Santa Barbara and Marburg Industries for services in the 4th and 5th Districts is inappropriate in the absence of more robust public disclosure and discussion.

As indicated in the Board Letter, applicants were evaluated according to four criteria including Cost Competitiveness (40%), Experience and Qualifications (35%), Contract Exceptions (15%), and Proposal Enhancement/Unique Services (10%). Those criteria were evaluated, according to the Board Letter, by four Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division staff members who scored and ranked the proposals, resulting in the ultimate selection of MarBorg Industries.

Our concerns are based on the fact that the Board Letter gives the appearance that the only factor used in the rankings and recommendation was Cost Competitiveness, which was weighted at 40%, while there is no reference to relative scoring for the remaining 60% weighting of the other categories. Further, we are concerned because the selection process was limited to a small group of County employees and lacked opportunity for ratepayers to either comment or observe the process.

It is the considered opinion of the Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association that the proposed action not be taken until such time as the public is afforded the opportunity to participate in a more transparent and robust selection process.

Thank you for your consideration.

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