



# Harbor City Neighborhood Council

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October 27, 2010

Enrique C. Zaldivar,  
Director, Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation

Re: Discrepancies in Bureau of Sanitation's Treatment of Free-Standing  
Condominiums

Mr. Zaldivar,

**Tom Houston**  
President

**Olive Reed**  
Vice President

**Steven Rutherford**  
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Secretary

It has come to the attention of the Harbor City Neighborhood Council that there are discrepancies in the Bureau of Sanitation's treatment of free-standing condominiums in regards to their trash pick up.

Out of eight complexes of free-standing condominiums in the Harbor City district, four complexes are treated as condominiums and have private trash pick up (Waste Management). However, since September 2009, the four others have been treated like single family homes, charged as such (a sudden and unannounced 50% increase), and told by the Bureau of Sanitation that private trash pick up is not an option. In three of the complexes, some of the homes are treated as condominiums, while the others are treated as single-family homes even though they are exactly the same type of structure. As this affects a significant portion of the population in Harbor City, we are requesting an explanation and correction of this discrepancy. (See attached)

Does it make sense that the exact same structures be treated differently under the law? Since to this point, the Bureau of Sanitation, the City Attorney, and the Mayor's Office have refused to explain why this situation exists and how it came about, it must be assumed that there is no explanation that will pass muster. The Bureau of Sanitation must decide how it is going to treat free-standing condominiums and enforce that decision equally and equitably to any and all of the free-standing condominiums in the City of Los Angeles.

Equal treatment under the law is one of the fundamental aspects of our legal system and the Bureau of Sanitation should correct this discrepancy as quickly as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Houston, President

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