

22 April 2016 from Sallie Alcorn, Chief of Staff for Council Member Greg Travis

In Mayor Turner's recently released [Preliminary Budget Summary](#), there is a statement on page 22 indicating the city plans to reduce the sponsorship program which provides reimbursements to homeowner associations with private trash collection services. Council Member Travis has since learned the city plans to completely eliminate these HOA payments in Fiscal Year 2017 which begins July 1, 2016. Solid Waste Management Department officials state the city will save \$3.5 million by eliminating the sponsorship program. As you know, the sponsorship program provides \$6 per residence per month. The cost for city trash collection service is approximately \$18 per residence per month. Council Member Travis plans to oppose this measure during the budget process and will offer a budget amendment to restore the sponsorship payments to the HOAs. In the meantime, he wants to make you aware of the situation and encourages you to contact the mayor and members of City Council to express your opinion on the matter. The proposed FY 2017 budget will be released in mid-May and the mayor hopes to have the budget passed by May 25, 2016.

Below are email addresses for the mayor and council members. Also, if you'd like to speak on the issue at a City Council Tuesday 2 P.M. public sessions at City Hall, 901 Bagby, 2nd floor, please contact the City Secretary to sign up in advance to speak 832-393-1100.

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