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Important Recycling Contract Torpedoed after 11th Hour Union Shakedown

San Diego – After months of negotiations, and unanimous approval by the City’s Environment Committee just weeks ago, an important contract that provides San Diego residents with recycling options failed on a 4-4 vote. Just hours before the vote, a union-funded organization, the Center for Policy Initiatives dropped a letter urging opposition.

The contract was for the operation of the recycling center at Miramar Landfill that provides high-quality service to City residents and businesses by offering one-stop recycling opportunities for over 125,000 customers a year. Today’s vote puts future recycling options for San Diegans at risk.

“Twenty-four hours ago, this contract was considered a no-brainer. However, votes changed quickly once union interests expressed opposition hours before the vote,” said Councilmember Sherman. “This contractor has operated the recycling center since 2001, providing excellent service to San Diego residents. This is no way to run a City.”

[Council Item 332](#), was returned to staff, putting the operation of the center, and recycling operations in jeopardy.

The City Council meeting will be available for viewing on the City TV website [here](#).

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