



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS
OF SOUTHEAST MISSOURI

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Public Works Department
Solid Waste/Recycling Division
2007 Southern Expressway
Cape Girardeau, MO 63703

Dear Sirs:

The League of Women Voters of Southeast Missouri is strongly in favor of your new proposed waste management system. The new system as we understand it would provide residential customers of the City of Cape Girardeau trash collection system with expanded recycling opportunities. The new system would provide automated pickup of waste and recyclable material.

In other areas, such as St. Louis, moving to single stream recycling has greatly increased participation in the program. Single stream systems allow residents to place all recyclable material in one container. In addition, for the first time, the city will be providing residents with containers for recycling. These two changes should result in a significant increase in the number of households participating in the recycling effort. Current participation in Cape Girardeau is about 40%, counted as once monthly participation. The one downside is that glass cannot be recycled in this system. We feel that glass recycling needs to remain available to citizens.

The League of Women Voters of Southeast Missouri has long supported recycling efforts in the City of Cape Girardeau. Much material is now able to be recycled. This reduces the material in the landfills and provides starting material at a reasonable cost for industry. We see this new system as an important step in leading waste management efforts in this area.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ellen Sue Brockett".

Ellen Sue Brockett, President

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