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Haines Borough Planning Commission

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On behalf of Tom Hall and Haines Sanitation, Inc, (DBA CWS) I'm writing to express my support of a land acquisition by Haines Friends of Recycling (HFR) adjacent to our landfill property.

We continue to assert that the proximity advantage of the HFR facility will result in a synergistic benefit to HFR, CWS and the citizens of the Haines Borough.

HFR will no doubt benefit from increased volumes of recyclables thus better leveraging their overhead costs through greater returns and better shoring them up financially. We believe that opportunity for the public to deposit recyclables while otherwise on their way to the landfill anyway will significantly increase the amount of solid wastes that are introduced into the recycling stream for ultimate re-use.

CWS will benefit through increased longevity of available landfill space by reducing the volume of plastics and other recyclable wastes anticipated to be further removed from the waste stream.

Finally, the community and citizens of Haines will benefit through lower overall costs of solid waste disposal through reduction in paid landfill disposal, and further delaying the inevitable vastly higher costs associated with solid waste shipping and disposal out of state that will result from a Solid Waste Transfer model of Solid Waste management.

I encourage you, the Haines Borough, to act on behalf of all of us and to approve HFR's request for the acquisition of the property they seek between the Borough Water Plant and the Haines Landfill.

I thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Franke', is written over a faint, illegible background.

Craig Franke
General Manager, Haines Sanitation, Inc.