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Good evening –

The Adams County Regional Economic Partnership’s Development Council recently heard a presentation from the parties involved in Planning Case CU-130-22, Waste Connections of Colorado – Materials Recovery Facility. We believe the project is well-designed and would serve the community and region with a modern recycling facility. Please review the attached letter of support for more details about our decision.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns about this position.

Thank you – Lisa Hough



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October 17, 2022

VIA EMAIL

Mayor Huseman and the Commerce City Council
7887 E. 60th Avenue
Commerce City, CO 80022

Re: Waste Connections of Colorado – Materials Recovery Facility # CU-130-22

Dear Mayor and City Council members:

The Adams County Regional Economic Partnership (AC-REP) is the economic development champion for the greater Adams County region. Recently, our Development Council heard a presentation from Waste Connections of Colorado (the Company) for their proposed Materials Recovery Facility at 4150 E. 60th Avenue. We were impressed with the economic benefits the project would bring to the region and the care and attention to modern and sustainable aspects of the project. We understand that the project will be before the Council in the near future. We believe Waste Connections has proposed a positive project for the former brownfield site, and projects like this are precisely what our region needs.

The company expects to add 90+ jobs with salaries up to \$110,000 annually. From a workforce perspective, siting a modern system that uses sophisticated mechanical sorting, including robotics and artificial intelligence, elevates the opportunities for our workforce to develop strong skills in emerging sectors of our economy. The information technology skills required to operate the machinery creates new and exciting pathways for students while eliminating difficult and repetitive jobs that often are not attractive to job seekers.



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From a local investment perspective, the initial \$35 million to put a previously abandoned site back into productive use is a good use of the industrial land. It also offers expanded recycling across the city, Adams County, and the region. Rail access also opens markets for materials across the U.S. and beyond. Since the plans call for an enclosed structure, the company has worked to eliminate potential nuisance issues.

In addition, the site is in an Enterprise Zone, which AC-REP manages for the Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade. We pledge to work with the company to encourage them to take advantage of job training and new employee credits to provide pathways for residents to better jobs.

AC-REP is pleased to support this project for its positive contributions to the area. We urge the Mayor and City Council to approve this project and thank the Planning Commission and staff for all their hard work.

Sincerely,



Lisa Hough

President/CEO

cc: Elizabeth Tart, Planning staff, Commerce City

Anita Riley, Planning staff, Commerce City

Wendi Nafziger, Business Development Manager, Commerce City





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Front Range Waste Diversion Enterprise Board of Directors

Department of Public Health & Environment

Mayor Huseman and the Commerce City Council
7887 E. 60th Avenue
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RE: Waste Connections of Colorado – Materials Recovery Facility # C-130-22

April 4, 2023

Dear Planning Commission and City Council members,

The Front Range Waste Diversion (FRWD) Enterprise was created through statute in 2019 to provide grant monies to support waste diversion efforts on Colorado's Front Range. The program's Board of Directors is represented by experts in the waste diversion industry employed by for profit and nonprofit organizations and local governments. At maturity, the program will award approximately \$15,000,000 in grant funding annually.

Waste Connections of Colorado hopes to construct a materials recovery facility in Commerce City and is requesting a conditional use permit and approval of its site development plan. The FRWD Board of Directors believes that this type of project represents the expanded capacity processing needed in the Denver Metro area and is well aligned with the program's goals.

In summary, as you consider approval of Waste Connections' request, please note that the FRWD Board of Directors supports this much needed effort to increase waste diversion and infrastructure on Colorado's Front Range.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Laurie Johnson".

Laurie Johnson
FRWD Board of Directors, Chair