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TO	Chairwoman Porter, Public Health & Environment Committee
FROM	Matthew Garbark, Director, Department of Public Works
DATE	April 8, 2026
SUBJECT	LO25-0017 Investigative Hearing – Zero Waste Committee Request #9
REQUEST TOPIC	Why has the use of the landfill decreased?

Background

At the second convening of the Zero Waste hearings, Councilwoman Ramos inquired about the 40% reduction in landfill use and the factors contributing to this decrease.

Response

The Department of Public Works has seen a decrease in mostly commercial haulers due to the tipping fee increase instituted November 1, 2025. With this increase, other disposal options became more cost effective for commercial haulers, which has resulted in less commercial hauler usage of Quarantine Road Landfill.