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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 #10
REQUEST TOPIC	Provide the specific progress to date for Zero Waste goals since the inception of the Sustainability Plan. Also, let us know when the 2025 Report will be released (Climate Action Plan)

Background

At the second convening of the Zero Waste hearings, Chairwoman Porter requested information and/or data on the progress of Zero Waste goals since the inception of the Sustainability Plan.

Response

Since 2019 when the Sustainability Plan was released, 8 primary actions related to waste have progressed:

- Providing free recycling bins to all city residents
- Enacting legislation to impose a fee on plastic bags
- Siting a local compost facility
- Creating a city government procurement committee
- Incentivizing the reduction of household garbage
- Establishing reuse businesses
- Implementing the City Food Waste Recovery Strategy
- Creating and implementing a plan for zero waste

The 2025 Annual Sustainability Report will be completed in June 2026 and shared with the committee when available.