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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 #4
REQUEST TOPIC	What would the cost be if it was 2,000 households instead of 500 households for the Curbside Composting Pilot?

Background

At the second convening of the Zero Waste hearings, Councilman Blanchard inquired about the curbside composting pilot program and how an initial sample size of 500 households and 10 schools was determined. Councilman Blanchard requested the cost for increasing the pilot to 2000 households instead of 500.

Response

The numbers of schools and households come from information from haulers. 500 households is the minimum needed to make efficient routes and cover all 4 quadrants of the city. Pricing also comes from quotes from our current Hauler to estimate our budget for the new program.

Curbside Pilot Program Pricing Estimates

Pilot Size	Price Range	
250	\$145,000.00	\$166,000.00
500	\$208,000.00	\$250,000.00
1000	\$334,000.00	\$418,000.00
1500	\$460,000.00	\$586,000.00
2000	\$586,000.00	\$754,000.00