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To: The Oakland City Council and Members of the Public From: Council President Pro Tempore Sheng Thao, District 4
Re: Listing Hauling Companies with Tax Certificates in Oakland

Members of the Oakland City Council and the Public,

This document serves to add context to my resolution directing the City Administrator to post a list of all trash and/or debris haulers with current Oakland business tax certificates on the City's website to assist Oakland residents make informed decisions when seeking to retain these services.

Oakland is currently struggling with trash and debris on its streets. I believe one cause of this crisis is illegal dumping. Hauling companies that have sought tax certificates in the City of Oakland have demonstrated an acknowledgement of Oakland's laws and may be more prone to dispose of refuse and debris properly. By directing the City Administrator to post a list of companies with tax certificates to the City's website, the Council can highlight which companies may dispose of waste more ethically so Oaklanders may make more informed choices when choosing a hauling company.

I would like to take this opportunity to point out Oaklanders' other options for disposing of waste. Oaklanders can request curbside bulky pickup provided by WMAC. Find service times and instructions at <a href="www.oaklandrecycles.com">www.oaklandrecycles.com</a>, and contact WMAC directly to schedule a bulky pickup by calling 1-800-WM-BULKY. All Oakland residents may schedule appointments with WMAC to drop off their bulky items at no charge at the Davis Street Resource Recovery Complex and Transfer Station (located at 2615 Davis Street in San Leandro). To schedule an appointment call (510) 613-8710. OPW also hosts Bulky Block Party events where residents can drop off items for free. These are usually held on the last Saturday of every month, from 9am-1pm at 7101 Edgewater Drive.

If for whatever reason Oaklanders cannot use any of the services listed above, this resolution will provide a list of haulers with tax certificates in the City of Oakland so Oaklanders may make more informed decisions when hiring a hauling company.

Sincerely,

Council President Pro Tempore Sheng Thao