

**BUDGET & MANAGEMENT STUDIES**

DATE: June 19, 2020

TO: MAYOR LEE BRAND
COUNCIL PRESIDENT MIGUEL ARIAS
CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

THROUGH: WILMA QUAN,  City Manager

FROM: HENRY FIERRO, Budget Manager 

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL DIRECTION No. 25 – REQUEST FOR A
PLAN TO FUND APPLIANCE PICKUP

During the Budget Hearing on June 11, 2020, Council President Miguel Arias requested a plan to fund appliance pickup without utilizing Council funds. The following memo submitted by the Department of Public Utilities provides the requested information.

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Alma Torres, Senior Budget Analyst



DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITIES

MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 19, 2020

TO: HENRY FIERRO, Budget Manager
Budget & Management Studies Division, City Manager's Office

THROUGH: MICHAEL CARBAJAL, Director 
Department of Public Utilities

FROM: JERRY SCHUBER, Sr., Assistant Director
Department of Public Utilities – Solid Waste Management Division

SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO COUNCIL DIRECTION NO. 25
REQUEST FOR DPU TO FIND A WAY TO FUND APPLIANCE PICKUP
INSTEAD OF USING COUNCIL FUNDS

During the Budget Hearing on June 11, 2020, Council President Miguel Arias requested a plan to fund large appliance pickup in residential neighborhoods.

Background

The Solid Waste Management Division administers an annual disposal program called Operation Clean Up (OCU) that provides a way for residents to dispose of bulky items. Once a year beginning in January, the Solid Waste Management Division makes its way throughout the city to pick up items too large for regular trash collection. The disposal of large appliances during OCU is currently prohibited as they require special handling and recovery of hazardous materials at certified facilities. OCU is funded by the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and is available to residential customers that currently pay a utility bill.

Plan

In response to Council direction, Solid Waste Management Division will evaluate alternatives to fund a residential large appliance pickup program. The alternatives will include a "Certified Appliance Recycler" to remove and properly manage certain potentially hazardous materials from discarded major appliances.

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Timeline

Develop alternatives (July 2020)
Alternatives evaluation and financial analysis (August 2020)
Finalize recommendations and findings (September 2020)

c: Alma Torres, Senior Budget Analyst