

MOUNT-TABOR

NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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VIA E-MAIL

Robert Liberty
Councilor
Metro
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Dear Councilor Liberty:

I'm writing to express concern that Metro is considering not funding matching grants to the City and the Disposal Voucher program for neighborhood's annual cleanups to dump waste at the transfer station. Should Metro cut funding, it would make it much more difficult for the Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association to afford organizing the valuable service of cleanups in the future.

This program assists our neighborhood with putting on an annual cleanup program where people can drop off bulky items not collected curbside, much of these bulky items are recycled or reused. The annual Mt Tabor cleanup is also a great community building activity and serves as the largest fundraiser of the year for our neighborhood association.

In our neighborhood alone over the last five years we have:

- Filled over 39 dumpsters full of bulky items such as building materials, broken up concrete, old lumber, appliances and household junk. We also disposed of just short of 200 tires in that time period;
- Filled 9 dumpsters of green materials and yard waste. Our annual cleanup coincides nicely when people are doing Spring cleaning of their yards;
- Recycled over 8 tons of scrap metal that didn't make its way into a landfill;

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- Recycled computers and computer related items such as monitors, keyboards, etc.;
- Processed over 1000 vehicles in that time, some on return trips in the same day; and
- Participated in a re-useable items area where people could take items that they didn't want anymore that could find a home in another home instead of filling a landfill;

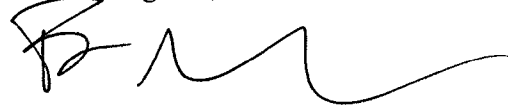
Finally, during this time we utilized over 125 volunteers who came out for a minimum of two hours and many who stayed over five hours. That results in these volunteers donating somewhere between 250 and 625 hours of their time to help the community. Our annual cleanup is an opportunity for the community to come together in many ways.

I'm sure the other neighborhood associations throughout the city with cleanup programs have similar experiences.

Mt. Tabor Neighborhood Association and this major fundraising program would be severely affected should Metro stop funding the matching grants to the City with its Disposal Voucher program.

We hope you will take this service to ours and all neighborhoods seriously when you consider funding cuts.

Best regards,



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