Who We Are

Groups and Individuals Who Have Contacted City Hall Opposing “One Bin for All”:

Texas Campaign for the Environment

NAACP Houston Branch

Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (T.E.J.A.S.)

Teamsters Joint Council No. 58

Dr. Robert Bullard, Ph.D., Dean of the Barbara Jordan- Mickey Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas
Southern University

Sierra Club Houston Regional Group

Michael Brune, CEO, Sierra Club

Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.

Paper Recycling Coalition

Steel Recycling Institute

John Ferguson, President of Nature's Way Resources

Houston Peace and Justice Center

San Jacinto River Coalition

Annie Leonard, Story of Stuff Project

Public Citizen TX

Sustainable Energy and Economic Development (SEED) Coalition

Hip Hop Caucus

5Gyres

Richard Anthony, Zero Waste International Alliance

Eco-Cycle International

Product Policy Institute

Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives

Energy Justice Network

Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE)
Center for a Competitive Waste Industry

Central Texas Zero Waste Alliance

Grassroots Recycling Network

Houston Environmental Justice Climate Action Network

**Resolutions and Open Letters to Mayor Parker and City Council:**

April 21, 2014: Environmental and Social Justice Organizations Favor Zero Waste over Gasification or Incineration

October 10, 2013: SXSW Eco 2013 Panelists Opposing “One Bin for All”

August 22, 2013: Sierra Club Houston Regional Group Resolution

March 14, 2013: Industry Experts Urge City Council to Abandon “One Bin” Dirty MRF

March 14, 2013: Leading National Zero Waste and Recycling Advocates Urge Houston to Abandon “One Bin” Dirty MRF

**Ways You Can Help:**
1. Join our coalition as an organization by emailing us at zerowastehouston@gmail.com.

2. Talk to your organizations, neighborhood groups and civic clubs, and write a joint-letter to the Mayor and your City Council members advocating for a Zero Waste plan in the City of Houston.

3. Call your Council member. Tell City staff that you want more public participation in this process to plan the future of Houston’s recycling and solid waste management.

4. Volunteer to testify any Tuesday at City Hall. Tell City Council we should be looking at alternatives like recycling, compost and organics recycling, public education and incentives for reuse and reduction.

5. Spread the word through community media like KPFT radio and social networking sites.

   Email zerowastehouston@gmail.com if you have other ideas!
SXSW ECO PRESENTERS AND SPEAKERS AGREE: HOUSTON’S “ONE BIN” SCHEME IS BAD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

“I’ve been hearing about magic machines for separating trash and recycling for 20 years, and none of them have worked. Even if they were real, I’d still oppose these ‘One Bin’ waste schemes because throwing everything in the same bin perpetuates our current mindless relationship with stuff. Houston and every other community needs to change the game and pursue a Zero Waste strategy which provides jobs, reduces pollution and offers real solutions to the unsustainable culture of consumption and disposal which has failed us for so long.”

--Annie Leonard, Story of Stuff, SXSW Eco 2012 Keynote Speaker

“One Bin for All’ will be one big mess for some, namely the low income and minority communities who will have all of their city’s waste dumped and burned in their neighborhood. The City of Houston needs to abandon this ill-advised scheme and adopt policies which we know will work: reduce, reuse and recycle.”

--Rev. Lennox Yearwood, Hip Hop Caucus, SXSW Eco 2013 Distinguished Speaker

“One Bin for All’ calls for getting rid of all separate recycling collection in Houston, which means people there will get a lot less value from their recyclable materials. Facilities like the one they want to build have a history of financial, management, operational and other failures, and the incineration projects they want to pursue pollute the environment. This is a bad idea. Houston needs to join other cities in Texas and across the world in adopting a long-term Zero Waste plan which will truly maximize stewardship of their resources.”

--Michael Brune, Sierra Club, SXSW Eco 2013 Keynote Speaker

“This program could undo so much progress and puts no faith in humanity’s ability to learn, improve and conserve. Recycling is an everyday activity that offers us a way out of our throwaway culture. We need to bring more people along on this journey, not assume it can’t be done and take away important jobs in the meantime.”

--Anna Clark, Earth People, SXSW Eco 2013 Panelist

“Our oceans are rapidly accumulating plastic due to its durability and resistance to degradation, so why then do we continue to allow single-use, throw away products to pollute our oceans? We need responsible business and government strategies, yet the City of Houston is doubling down on irresponsibility. I urge those who care about the future of our oceans to oppose ‘One Bin for All.”

--Marcus Eriksen, 5 Gyres, SXSW Eco 2013 Panelist