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Job creation and recycling/green policy talking points:

POINT 1- Landfilling creates 1 job for every 10,000 tons processed, Recycling Processing creates 10 jobs for every 10,000 tons processed; organics processing creates 5 jobs for every 10,000 tons processed. (to be released study "More Jobs Less Pollution" by Tellus Institute, NRDC, BlueGreen Alliance and Teamsters)

POINT 2 - California law requires each jurisdiction to achieve at least 50 percent waste diversion, and many cities and counties have set higher diversion goals. San Francisco set goals in 2002 to achieve 75 percent diversion by 2010 and zero waste by 2020. In 2010, it exceeded its goal with a 77 percent

diversion rate.

POINT 3 San Francisco requires everyone to separate refuse into recyclables, compostables, and trash, and all property owners are required to subscribe to an adequate collection service.[ii] For most businesses, reaching high diversion is achievable because so many materials in the waste stream are recyclable, compostable, or reusable. Incentives in the collection service cost structure mean businesses can save up to 95 percent of service costs by participating in recycling and composting programs

POINT 4 - Since San Francisco's ordinance passed there has been a 50 percent increase in businesses using the compost collection service and a 300 percent increase in the number of apartments using the service.[iv] As a result, the collection of compostable materials has increased by 45 percent so that nearly 600 tons per day of food scraps, soiled paper, and yard trimmings are sent to composting facilities.[v] Keeping organics out of landfills is also key to reducing methane generation and reducing climate change.

Color commentary about Recology yesterday – They employ 172 workers, whose salaries range from $22/hr to $34/hr

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