

**Date:** August 3, 2015

**To:** Bruce Glasscock, City Manager

**From:** Robert Smouse, Environmental Waste Services Manager

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**Subject:** Implementing Plano's Residential Textile Recycling Program

In advance of next Monday's City Council Preliminary Agenda presentation, I wanted to update you on developments following the June 26<sup>th</sup> presentation and the June 29<sup>th</sup> Dallas Morning News article reporting on Plano's plan to implement SimpleRecycling program later this calendar year. Following the article, we received one concern from a Plano resident who operates two (2) for-profit clothing stores (Plato's Closet and Clothes Mentor) in Plano and additional stores in the surrounding metroplex area. In addition, we received two (2) unsolicited proposals from current textile recycling vendors (World Wear Project LLC and National Recycling Solutions) operating in the DFW region and within Plano already. However, both of the current vendors operate textile recycling programs through predominately "on-demand" scheduled collections or strategically placed "drop-off container" collections, which is different from the regularly routed city-wide residential collected program we recommended through SimpleRecycling.

During Monday's presentation, I will provide a brief update, overview and recommendation for advancing Plano's residential textile recycling program to seek City Council's direction on:

1. Moving ahead with SimpleRecycling
2. Soliciting competitive proposals
3. Leaving as is and do not implement this type of program.