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## MEMORANDUM

TO:	Mayor Weitkunat and Councilmembers
FROM:	Greg McMaster, Chair, Air Quality Advisory Board
CC:	Darin Atteberry, City Manager
DATE:	November 19, 2012
SUBJECT:	AQAB Cardboard Disposal Recommendation

The AQAB has been aware of the idea of banning cardboard from landfill disposal since the adoption of the 2008 Climate Action Plan. In 2012, the Board received a memo from staff in October and a presentation on the topic in November. Keeping cardboard out of the landfill will reduce the greenhouse gas emissions and support the City's Climate Action Plan goals, and it will increase the life of the landfill and deliver other environmental and air quality benefits. For these reasons the Board voted unanimously to recommend that Council adopt an ordinance banning cardboard from landfill disposal.

David Dietrich moved and Scott Groen seconded a motion to recommend that Council adopt an ordinance to prohibit cardboard from being placed in the waste stream.

• Vote 7-0-0; motion passed unanimously on November 19, 2012.

Please contact me if you have any questions or want additional detail on the recommendation. Thank you for the opportunity to provide input.