



Kalamazoo County Republican Party

Resolution to Oppose the Portage City Council's Single-Hauler Garbage Decision

Whereas, the Portage City Council is acting against the express will of its constituents by pursuing a single garbage hauler for the whole of the city.

Whereas, 54% of residents, in a 2020 city-conducted survey, replied they preferred to retain their choice of garbage hauler, rejecting the single-hauler concept.

Whereas, at a recent city council meeting, residents once again voiced their opposition to a single-hauler garbage contract for the entire city.

Whereas, the Portage City Council willfully ignores its fiduciary responsibility by entering the city into a monopoly, rather than allowing the free market to flourish, giving residents an option to choose their own provider. This decision may in fact violate interstate commerce laws, leading to costly litigation.

Whereas, the Portage City Council is acting as a ruling body, rather than a representative government following the will of the people.

Whereas, the Portage City Council appears to be seduced by marketing ploys that promise a diverse and equitable company but failed to do its due diligence by digging further into its preferred company.

Whereas, the Portage City Council, as the duly elected governing body, is entrusted to act with transparency and public accountability to its constituents. The council has yet to explain to its residents why it is ending choice and opting for mandates.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, the Kalamazoo County Republican Party formally opposes the Portage City Council for acting against the will of its residents by pursuing a single garbage hauler for all its residents.

Be It Further Resolved, the Kalamazoo County Republican Party urges the Portage City Council do the right thing and don't take away the right of choice from its residents. America has a long-standing history of free markets, freedom and personal choice.

As adopted, unanimously by the Kalamazoo County Republican Party on July 14, 2025.