



Department of the City Manager

MEMORANDUM

Date: January 29, 2024
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
Through: Doug Thornley, City Manager **Approved Electronically**
From: Monica Kirch, Director, Housing and Neighborhood Development
Subject: Community Cleanups - Hazardous and Electronic Waste Update

Beginning in calendar year 2023, the Community Cleanup program was transitioned to the Housing and Neighborhood Development (HAND) Department. The program was transitioned with no additional staff or funding other than a one-time ARPA allocation for hazardous and electronic waste. This one-time ARPA funding allowed nearly 2,000 unique households the opportunity to properly dispose of hazardous and electronic waste, in addition to unwanted household waste and lithium batteries. Quantities of waste collected in the Spring and Fall 2023 cleanups is listed below:

- 1,680 yards of unwanted household items in Waste Management bins
- 29,230 lbs. of electronic waste
- 33,731 lbs. of hazardous waste
- 45,001 lbs. of paint
- 142 bikes donated to local organizations
- 476 lbs. of lithium batteries diverted from the landfill.

For the 2024 cleanups, Redwood again agreed to collect lithium batteries at no cost. However, the estimate for electronic and hazardous waste is \$6,000 per cleanup, for a total of \$72,000 for all cleanups in calendar year 2024. There is no budget for this amount. HAND submitted an AFR for funding to support electronic and hazardous waste in fiscal year 2025, but that will not be presented to Council until May 2024. Without \$72,000 in additional funding, the 2024 cleanups will not include electronic and hazardous waste.