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Subject: City Approves Settlement with Republic Services

The Los Banos City Council voted unanimously to approve a settlement agreement with Republic Services, its prior solid waste hauler. This settlement arises, in part, out of substantial solid waste service disruptions experienced by City residents in late 2020 and spring 2021. In an effort to resolve the dispute short of litigation, the City and Republic Services recently conducted a mediation, which resulted in the settlement. As part of the settlement, the City agrees to pay Republic Services amounts owed for services provided under its agreement, and Republic Services agrees to pay the City \$600,000. The settlement includes a waiver of claims between the parties without any admission of liability.

The City appreciates the community's patience during the service disruptions. We understand the dramatic impact they had on community well-being and general health and safety. The City Council also recognizes that any settlement funds should be credited to affected solid waste customers and has directed staff to include a discussion of if and how to structure a rebate or credit for customers at the October 6, 2021 City Council meeting.

"We are pleased to have this issue behind us and are looking forward to the October 6th City Council meeting where we will be discussing the process of crediting our residents nearly \$600,000.00"

-Acting City Manager, Gary Brizzee

You can find access to the October 6, 2021, City Council meeting here:
<https://losbanos.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/CC-Agenda-Packet-10.6.21.pdf> at its new start time of 6 p.m!

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