



PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

Daniel Lurie, Mayor

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Feb. 25, 2025	Don Li	SFDPW Performance
Feb. 25, 2025	Vincent Yuen	Trash Detecting Drone Pilot Program

From: [li don](#)
To: [DPW-Public Works Commission](#)
Cc: [Lurie, Daniel \(MYR\)](#)
Subject: SFDPW performance
Date: Monday, February 24, 2025 10:49:25 AM

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Commissioner,

My name is Don Li. Emailing you because of situations that have been encountered with SFDPW.

Specifically, on 311 service request referrals, SFDPW has been closing out the referrals without doing the work. In addition to not doing the work, SFDPW has been closing the referrals with a prior date. This is obviously falsifying official records!

Since the Commission is task with " reviewing and evaluating department performance", this situation needs to be address.

Please call to further discuss.

Regards,
Don Li
415-692-1221

From: [Vincent Yuen](#)
To: [DPW-Public Works Commission](#)
Cc: Barbara.bella@rhnsf.org
Subject: Trash Detecting Drone Pilot Program
Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 2:57:31 PM

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Hi Commissioner Post and Public Works Commission,

I lead Refuse Refuse (<https://refuserefusesf.org/>) the leading organization committed to citizen activism for picking up trash on our San Francisco streets. Since our inception in 2021, Refuse Refuse has organized over 3,800 cleanups, with 13,000 unique volunteers collecting 65,000 bags of trash that translates to over 850,000 gallons of litter off our streets.

I am reaching out to you today with a request that will help our organization, and therefore the city, achieve its goal of a cleaner SF. There is a drone program that would help us locate hotspots of illegal dumping and trash and we have a request in to Carla Short, Director of SFPW, for a pilot program to be launched.

Our interest is entirely focused on spotting locations that will need trash pickup/cleanup and create more efficient routing for SF Public Works, Recology, Community Benefit Districts and other services we partner with to address these issues. It is not intended for surveillance or on identifying individuals, just the trash and illegally dumped items.

Copied on this email is co-chair of Neighborhood Enhancement at Russian Hill Neighbors, who coordinates monthly cleanups and partners with Refuse Refuse on various projects impacting policies and activities impacting litter mitigation.

Can you encourage SFPW to undertake this effort as it will allow us at Refuse Refuse and our partners to help keep SF clean? Or can you advise me on what steps I can take to bring this about?

Many thanks for your assistance.

Best Regards,
Vince Yuen

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