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FROM: City of Memphis Division of Public Works

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SUBJECT: Collections by City contractor Republic Services

Members of the Teamsters labor union employed by Republic Services began a work stoppage on Tuesday which may briefly delay collections at some Memphis homes and businesses. Residents serviced by Republic Services in the City of Memphis contracted areas of east Memphis are instructed to place their garbage carts and recycling bins at the curb on their normal collection day and to leave at the curb until serviced. Services provided by City solid waste crews in the contract areas will not be affected and homes elsewhere in Memphis serviced by City Solid Waste Management will receive collections on the normal schedule.

Republic Services, one of the nation's largest solid waste management companies, is currently in the fourth year of a five year contract with the City of Memphis to provide weekly collection of garbage and recycling for approximately 37,000 homes and businesses in various areas of east Memphis such as Hickory Hill, Cordova, Berryhill and Countrywood. City officials are working closely with Republic's management to ensure there is minimal disruption of services and urges all customers serviced by Republic to be patient while collections return to the regular schedule.