Hello Ms. Washburn,

I am writing in support of Trystan Matthews' Recycle Whidbey curbside pickup project. I am an employee of Island County, so I do not wish to have this email passed around, but I have told people in our Solid Waste Dept. about my concern over their recycling method, which is to have a person digging through all of the County's garbage. I feel this is a horrid and unsanitary task that no person should have to do. I told the County Solid Waste Dept. that I sort my recyclables into separate plastic bags because I feel uncomfortable about it, but was told that I didn't need to do that, since they have staff sorting through every bag anyway. That's just what makes me uncomfortable, so I still separate my clean recyclables into separate bags anyway.

I would prefer that our recycling was dealt with in a more sanitary and humanistic manner.

Furthermore, the Island Disposal garbage pick up company makes me haul garbage down my steep driveway, they will not come up my driveway to pick up my garbage. This is inconvenient as sometimes my garbage can is heavier than I should be dealing with on my own (and I live alone). Once I am a bit older, it will present a much greater problem.

I appreciate your consideration of allowing Trystan to proceed. Although I have never met him or heard anything about him before, his approach is very professional and I want to be supportive about his sound project. I hope he will receive all his necessary permits.

Thank you, Keeva Kroll