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Indianapolis, Covanta agree to suspend recycling center contract

Indianapolis – Mayor Joe Hogsett announced today the City of Indianapolis and Covanta Indianapolis, Inc. have reached an agreement to temporarily suspend a proposed Advance Recycling Center (ARC). The facility was to be located on Covanta’s Indianapolis campus.

“Leadership begins with listening, and I believe Indianapolis deserves a true community conversation before we move forward with any waste and recycling plan,” said Mayor Hogsett. “I appreciate Covanta’s willingness to agree to this effort as we work toward a long-term solution that best serves our neighborhoods and our environment.”

Mayor Hogsett announced that the city will gather information over the next 90 days to assist with a reassessment of plans for an ARC facility. To facilitate this deliberative process, the Hogsett administration will meet with local groups and key stakeholders, ensuring that all voices are included in a conversation over the future of recycling in Indianapolis.

Covanta Indianapolis has offered information-gathering assistance to city officials during the suspension of the ARC, and Covanta’s preexisting service agreements with the city will remain in effect. The Office of Corporation Counsel will continue to defend the city’s ability to negotiate with Covanta in pending litigation.

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