

## River Heights Chamber of Commerce

See attached letter from the River Heights Chamber of Commerce.



November 29, 2023

Commissioner Kessler

RE: Pine Bend Landfill Expansion Project

Dear Commissioner Kessler,

We are writing in support of the Pine Bend Landfill Expansion project in Inver Grove Heights.

Republic Services has been a valued member of the River Heights Chamber of Commerce and was named the “Business of the Year” in 2019. Republic Services is a strong steward of the environment and provides good paying jobs in our community.

As you may know, Minnesota’s first renewable natural gas plant is located at Pine Bend Landfill in Inver Grove Heights. This clean energy technology turns biogases produced by trash into Renewable Natural Gas—part of Republic’s very aggressive goals to reduce absolute operational greenhouse gas emissions every year.

Republic Services has been recognized at the national level as well – in 2020, Republic was named the “Organics Recycler of the Year” by the National Waste and Recycling Association. This year, Republic unveiled a “Polymer Center” in Las Vegas to support their long-term sustainability goal to increase the recovery and circularity of key materials by 40% by 2030.

Republic Services has proven to be a great community member, and we look forward to working closely with Republic Services in the years to come.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any questions. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Greg Dennis".

Greg Dennis  
2023 Board Member  
River Heights Chamber of Commerce