Dear Tenants and Employees:

Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) went into effect in January 2022 and requires all businesses to recycle food scraps. Our property worked with the City of Lake Forest and its waste hauler, CR&R Environmental Services, to set up a centralized food scrap recycling service for our tenants/employees. **State regulations (SB 1383) and Lake Forest Municipal Code require that all businesses recycle food scraps, including any fruit/vegetable trimmings, bones, eggshells, expired food, etc**.

Each trash area has a new third container for collection of food scraps. The green cart is smaller than the trash and recycling dumpsters and has a bright green lid to easily distinguish where to place food scraps. See Image 1 below.

Participation in this food scrap recycling program will help reduce food scraps from entering our local landfills. As food scraps decompose in the landfill, it creates large amounts of methane gas. Methane is a powerful greenhouse gas that traps heat in our atmosphere which is harmful to our environment and climate. Separating food scraps and collecting them in the correct container helps reduces the amount of material going to our landfills and enables us to convert this material into nutrient-rich compost.

Please note that you may use any small container to collect food scraps in your kitchen. Large plastic food storage containers work well, or compost collection pails can be purchased from your local retailer. See examples in Image 2 below. It’s best to collect food scraps on their own, but if a bag is necessary, please only use paper bags or ASTM D6400 certified compostable bags.

Our property and City representatives will continue to provide educational resources and opportunities to its tenants and employees about the new food scrap recycling program. This includes social media outreach, a video on how to participate in the program, and regular informational mailings from the City’s hauler.

Image 2. Examples of containers to collect food scraps. Image not to scale.

Image 1. Food scrap recycling cart for CR&R waste hauler collection. Image not to scale.

