

LET'S TALK ABOUT TRASH!



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mission

- **PILOT** a compost program
- **DIVERT** landfill waste
- **ANALYZE** waste behaviors
- **EDUCATE** residents on responsible waste practices
- **EXPAND** program throughout UCLA apartments



methodology

1. Hosted several events to connect with and **educate graduate students** on waste diversion
2. Provided signage to encourage **proper waste sorting**



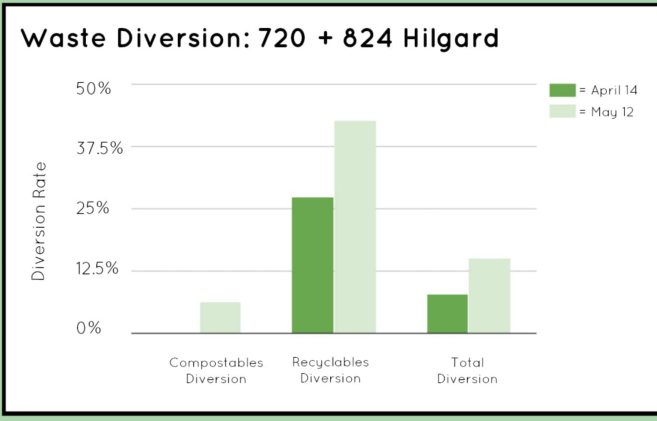
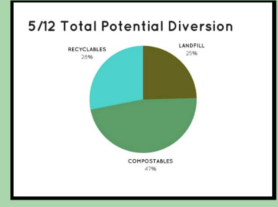
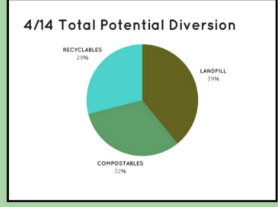
3. Distributed **compost caddies**, **recycling bins**, and **trash cans** to each unit of 720 + 824 Hilgard

4. Conducted a series of **waste audits** to assess residential waste behaviors throughout our pilot program. We sorted bins into **compost**, **recycling**, and **landfill** piles which were weighed and recorded.



results

After conducting **two waste audits**, we have found that this program has diverted an average of **161 more lbs** of waste away from landfills **per week**.



* preliminary results

In the next **academic year**, this program could divert **5,313 more lbs** from landfills at Hilgard alone based on current progress.

With continued education and as the program becomes more established, we expect this rate to **grow even higher**.

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