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TO: Members, California State Senate

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

OPPOSE AB 876 (AS AMENDED JUNE 1, 2015) – COMPOSTABLE ORGANICS

For the reasons listed, the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force **OPPOSES** Assembly Bill 876, which would require counties to include in their Annual Report to the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), information related to the generation and processing capability of organic waste within the county (including the cities within) for a 15-year period, as well as to identify areas (including in and/or outside the county jurisdictional boundaries) in which new or expanded organic waste recycling facilities could be safely located.

- The bill places all responsibility on counties while statewide organics legislation (AB 1826, 2014) requires each jurisdiction (each city and each county) to develop organic waste recycling programs and identify needed infrastructure and locations.
- Identifying locations within other jurisdictions would be an encroachment into jurisdictions' local land-use authority.
- Counties are not authorized to determine if a location is safe for expanding or placing new organic waste recycling facilities. This determination is highly dependent on the operational practices of individual facilities and the regulatory environment and thus should appropriately be determined by regulatory agencies.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force is also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the **Task Force opposes AB 876 and respectfully requests your NAY vote on the bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

cc: Assembly Member Kevin McCarty