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To: Members, California State Senate

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

Re: **OPPOSE AB 2670 – SOLID WASTE: RECYCLING: DIVERSION: GREEN MATERIALS**

**For the reasons listed, the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) STRONGLY OPPOSES Assembly Bill 2670, which would mandate organics management on local governments through either composting or anaerobic digestion.**

- The Bill's latest amendment, introduced on August 21, 2012, circumvented the legislative process by not allowing adequate time for full deliberation of the proposal and has a significant, negative financial impact on local governments and businesses.
- The proposal attempts to by-pass the current efforts by CalRecycle and stakeholders in preparation of a report to the Legislature pursuant to AB 341 (2011) in order to address/evaluate the concepts being proposed by AB 2670.
- The proposal would phase out and ultimately eliminate diversion credit for green waste used as alternative daily cover by 2020, thereby increasing costs for local jurisdictions to manage green waste. Additionally, the proposal fails to address the needed infrastructure to manage these materials as well as providing for the development of markets for the composted end product.
- The proposal would limit organics management options to only composting and anaerobic digestion. Composting is not a viable option for urban jurisdictions in Southern California. However, there are other proven conversion technologies that could work but are being disregarded by AB 2670.
- AB 2670 fails to provide clear definitions of many key terms that are crucial to compliance such as "green material," "organics," and what qualifies as "significant" amounts of organic waste.

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 also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

For the foregoing reasons, the **Task Force strongly opposes AB 2670**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

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