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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**VETO REQUEST - ASSEMBLY BILL 845 (MA): SOLID WASTE, PLACE OF ORIGIN**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) has reviewed Assembly Bill 845 (AB 845) and **respectfully requests** that you **veto** this bill. The Task Force makes this request for the following reasons:

- **The Bill infringes upon the will of California voters, interferes with judicial matters, and usurps local government authority.** The Bill prohibits the adoption of a local ordinance and/or an initiative measure that restricts the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on the place of origin.
- **The Bill prevents elected officials and voters from placing reasonable limits upon the flow of solid waste—even when it is in the best interest of local communities.** The discretion local governments currently have to establish boundaries for purposes of controlling the flow of solid waste, on a case-by-case basis, has provided an avenue by which to effectively advance local interests as well as protect public health and safety while providing for the required local disposal capacity as mandated by the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, Chapter 1095, statutes of 1989). As such, watershed restrictions have been established to preserve local disposal capacities, reduce traffic impacts, and address other site-specific factors including, but not limited to, protecting health and safety of the neighboring communities. The enactment of AB 845 would unilaterally eliminate these discretions afforded to local governments and the voters without any consideration as to the resulting negative impact on cities and counties and their efforts in fulfilling their state-mandated responsibilities.

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- **The Bill Creates a negative statewide impact in its attempt to overturn a decision intended for a single facility in Solano County.** The Bill's impetus to overturn Measure E in Solano County would have staggering statewide consequences. It is critical for local governments to preserve their authority to place reasonable constraints on the flow of waste since impacts of solid waste disposal facilities are most acute at the local levels.

As provided by Assembly Bill 939 (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 **respectfully requests your veto on AB 845**. 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.

Sincerely,



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