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August 4, 2011

TO: All City Mayors in Los Angeles County

Dear Mayor:

**URGENT REQUEST FOR LETTERS OF OPPOSITION FOR ASSEMBLY BILL 1178 –  
SOLID WASTE: PLACE OF ORIGIN**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is writing to share our concern regarding the potential consequences your jurisdiction may face if Assembly Bill 1178 (AB 1178) is passed and urge you to send a letter of opposition to the Legislature regarding the proposed legislation. We have appended a sample letter for your convenience.

If enacted, AB 1178 would prohibit an ordinance enacted by a city or county, including an ordinance enacted by initiative of the voters, from restricting or otherwise limiting the importation of solid waste into a privately owned solid waste facility in that city or county based on place of origin. The impacts of solid waste facilities are most acute at the local level, and as a result, it is crucial for individual jurisdictions to have the authority to protect the quality of life of their residents by placing reasonable constraints on the flow of solid waste. AB 1178, while extolling solid waste disposal as a state-level responsibility, in effect gives discretion solely to privately owned solid waste facility operators and solid waste haulers whose primary motive is established by economic factors.

For the reasons mentioned, the Task Force opposes AB 1178 and urges you to send an opposition letter to preserve your City's land use authority while ensuring the health and safety of your constituents. AB 1178 has been moving through the legislature very quickly. The authors are using legislative maneuvers such as claiming the bill will have no fiscal impact simply to avoid a vote in the Senate Appropriations Committee. As a result, the bill may be sent to the Governor before the end of this month. If so, letters should be addressed to the Governor urging him to veto AB 1178.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, cost-effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. The Task Force membership includes representatives of the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair  
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste management Task Force and  
Council Member, City of Rosemead

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cc: Each Member of the City Council, City Manager and City Clerk in the County of  
Los Angeles  
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force

\_\_\_\_\_, 2011

The Honorable Darrell Steinberg,  
Senate President Pro Tem  
State Capitol Room 205  
Sacramento, CA 94248-0001

Dear Senator Steinberg:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1178 (AMENDED JULY 13, 2011)  
SOLID WASTE: PLACE OF ORIGIN**

The City of \_\_\_\_\_ **opposes** Assembly Bill 1178 (AB 1178), which, with specified exceptions, would prohibit a city or county hosting a solid waste facility from restricting or limiting the importation of solid waste into that city or county based on the place of origin.

The impacts of solid waste facilities are most acute at the local level, and as a result, it is crucial for local governments to have the authority to protect the quality of life of their residents and minimize environmental impacts such as truck traffic, odor nuisance, etc, by placing reasonable constraints on the flow of waste. However, if enacted, the proposed legislation would effectually render this authority to privately owned solid waste facility operators and solid waste haulers whose primary concern may not be the public's health and safety.

Additionally, we are concerned with the bill's language, which, according to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee analysis, "could create unintended consequences by imposing a stricter restriction on local government than is necessary to address the Measure E issue," a reference to the impetus of the bill being a desire to overturn local Measure E in Solano County and potentially having staggering Statewide consequences.

For these reasons, the City of \_\_\_\_\_ opposes AB 1178. Should you have any questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_.

Sincerely,

cc: Assembly Member Ma  
Assembly Member Cedillo  
Each Member of the California Senate  
Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force