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***** FLOOR ALERT – NO on AB 341 *****

To: Members, California State Senate

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

Re: **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 341**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force strongly OPPOSES AB 341 since:

- **It imposes an unfunded mandate on local governments**—By requiring CalRecycle to ensure that 75 percent of all solid waste generated is “source reduced, recycled, or composted,” and imposing mandatory commercial recycling, AB 341 would effectively impose significant unfunded mandates on local governments and tax California businesses. Given the severe weakness in the State economy, businesses are struggling and local governments are experiencing record budget shortfalls. During these difficult times, the cost for these mandates cannot be absorbed by local governments or businesses.
- **It fails to consider the tools needed by local governments and California businesses to achieve 75 percent recycling requirements**—By requiring that the solid waste be “source reduced, recycled, or composted,” rather than simply “diverted from landfill disposal,” AB 341 fails to provide local governments the tools they need to achieve and sustain the desired diversion rates. This is done without consideration of (a) the need for a detailed life-cycle analysis of all viable alternatives, including recycling and composting, (b) the needed in-State manufacturing infrastructure and markets for the recovered materials, and (c) input from local governments.
- **It eliminates local government and local task force review and input over certain changes to SWFPs and NDFEs.** The Task Force has consistently raised concerns regarding such provisions since they directly reduce local governments’ land use authority as well as negatively impact local solid waste management planning efforts.
- **The mandatory commercial recycling provisions are unnecessary.** These provisions of AB 341 are duplicative of actions already being undertaken by CalRecycle and the California Air Resources Board under the authority of Assembly Bill 32 and the AB 32 Scoping Plan.

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 (pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989). Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated solid waste management system in Los Angeles County, the Task Force addresses issues impacting the system on a countywide basis. Task Force membership includes the League of California Cities-Los Angeles County Division, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and other governmental agencies.

For these reasons, the **Task Force strongly opposes AB 341 and respectfully requests your NAY vote on the bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147 or mikemohajer@yahoo.com.