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The Honorable Laura Friedman, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
1020 N Street, Room 164
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Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

SUPPORT AND AMEND – ASSEMBLY BILL 1236 (LACKEY AND FLORA) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 11, 2019 – PUBLIC RESOURCES: GREENHOUSE GASES: RECYCLING: CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1236 (AB 1236), as amended on April 11, 2019, and **suggests amending it** as indicated in this letter. If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would require the state Air Resources Board to investigate the potential for a carbon offset compliance protocol for recycled product manufacturing as a market-based compliance mechanism applicable from January 1, 2021, to December 31, 2030.

The Task Force supports the bill because it creates much needed recycling funding and supports siting organic waste composting facilities as the bill would also:

- Authorize \$200,000,000 from the annual proceeds of the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to CalRecycle for the department's Recycled Fiber, Plastic, and Glass Grant Program.
- Require CalRecycle, no later than January 1, 2023, to prepare a program environmental impact report for organic waste composting facilities.
- Require the Office of Planning and Research, in consultation with CalRecycle, to identify and report to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the regulatory barriers and opportunities to streamline permitting.
- Establish the Recycled Materials Innovation Grant Program.

However, the Task Force recommends amending AB 1236 to include the following:

1. Require CalRecycle to ensure public health and safety is not compromised during permit streamlining, and
2. Include the development of a program Environmental Impact Report for both biomass conversion and solid waste conversion facilities.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because it creates much needed recycling funding and supports siting organic waste composting facilities.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the

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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 ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1236, and **suggests amending it** as indicated in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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