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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173
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Dear Governor Newsom:

REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 2287 (ENROLLED ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2020) – SOLID WASTE

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 2287 (AB 2287).

AB 2287 would make various revisions and requirements regarding the standards and labeling of the “OK compost HOME certification”, “marine degradable”, and for the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to issue guidelines for determining whether a plastic product is not compliant with these labeling requirements. The bill would authorize CalRecycle to adopt the European Committee for Standardization’s standard specification for biodegradable mulch film plastic, or a more stringent standard. The bill would also authorize the sale of commercial agricultural mulch film labeled with the term “soil biodegradable” only if CalRecycle adopts this standard, and the commercial agricultural mulch film is certified to meet both that standard and the ASTM standard specification for compostability. This would also require the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling to issue preliminary recommendations on or before January 1, 2021, and to issue final policy recommendations and identify products that are recyclable or compostable, and regularly collected in curbside recycling programs by July 1, 2021. This bill would also allow a theme park or similar facility that is subject to organic waste generation requirements, to instead provide customers with a recycling bin or container on and after January 1, 2022.

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 development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in

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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 2287 and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. 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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