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TO: California State Assembly Members

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

**SUPPORT – AB 2959 (AS AMENDED ON MAY 5, 2020) – SOLID WASTE:
BYPRODUCTS FROM THE PROCESSING OF FOOD OR BEVERAGES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 2959 (AB 2959), Solid waste: byproducts from the processing of food or beverages, as amended May 5, 2020.

AB 2959 would reauthorize local governments to exercise the authority to determine, among other things, whether solid waste handling services are provided for by means of a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or wholly exclusive franchise, contract, license, permit, or otherwise if those by products originate from a supermarket, grocer, restaurant, or other retail food establishment.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because it would clarify that Public Resource Code 40059.4 is limited in application and only applies to certain byproducts from agricultural and industrial sources that have historically not entered the municipal waste stream. This will ensure that restaurants and grocery stores, for example, are not considered "industrial sources" and somehow excluded from exclusive local agency franchise agreements.

As provided by 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 addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS AB 2959 and requests your "AYE" vote on the bill.** 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.

cc: Assembly Member Calderon