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September 7, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 322 (ENROLLED ON  
SEPTEMBER 3, 2021) – ENERGY: ELECTRIC PROGRAM INVESTMENT CHARGE  
PROGRAM: BIOMASS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 322 (AB 322), as enrolled on September 3, 2021. AB 322, if enacted, would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to consider, in the investment planning process for the Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC) program, bioenergy projects for biomass energy projects, using new and emerging technologies that maximize ratepayer and public benefits.

The Task Force is supportive of the proposed legislation as it would help improve solid waste management practices and reduce emissions of the most damaging climate and air pollutants by providing a beneficial alternative to open burning and landfilling of biomass waste. By encouraging biomass conversion projects, the bill would reduce air pollution from the direct combustion of waste biomass. AB 322 will stimulate jobs, economic development, and increased energy security in many regions of the State, both rural and urban, that generate woody biomass.

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 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

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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 322 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](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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