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February 2, 2015

Ms. Lisa M. Webber, AICP
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Ms. Webber:

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION/UPDATE – EFFORTS BY THE INTERAGENCY
WORKING GROUP TO MITIGATE ODORS AT THE SUNSHINE CANYON LANDFILL
- CITY OF LOS ANGELES ZONING ORDINANCE [ORDINANCE] NO. 172933**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I would like to thank you for your letter of December 23, 2014. Your letter provided information requested by the Task Force on the Department of City Planning's efforts regarding nuisance mitigation pursuant to the requirements of the City's Ordinance No. 172933 for the subject Landfill, as well as the Landfill's environmental impact report documents—odor monitoring and mitigating measures.

The Task Force has reviewed your letter in concert with (a) the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works' (DPW) enclosed letter of October 22, 2014, to Mr. Rob Sherman, General Manager, Sunshine Canyon Landfill, (b) the Ordinance No. 1729333 [Q] Conditions # A.4.a, A.4.b, C.2.d, C.10.a and D; and (c) the County Health and Safety Code, Title 11, Section 11.02.300, "Nuisance." Among other things, the County Health and Safety Code defines "nuisance" as "*....anything that renders air, food and drink detrimental to the health of human beings.*" Since odors emitted by the Landfill impact human's ease of breathing, they may be deemed a nuisance as defined by the County Health and Safety Code.

In your letter, you indicated that *"Aside from the odor issues, the Sunshine Canyon landfill is overall in compliance with the City's "[Q]" Conditions. Air quality monitoring has not shown any evidence of an **imminent** or **substantial risk to health, safety, or welfare of the local community**"* (emphasis added). With **580 odor complaints**

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reported to the South Coast Air Quality Management District in connection with the Landfill during the last quarter of 2014 (277 in December alone, including seven Notices of Violation) and the County DPW's communication of October 22, 2014, the Task Force would like to understand the basis that City Planning used to determine the Landfill's overall compliance with its [Q] Conditions. In addition, the Task Force requests to be provided with a copy of the studies, including health, findings from the air quality monitoring, and/or any other documents/factors used to arrive at the said conclusion.

The Task Force respectfully requests for your response at your earliest but not later than February 12, 2015.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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