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The Honorable Fabian Nunez
Speaker of the Assembly
State Capitol, Room 219
Sacramento, CA 94249-0046

The Honorable Fran Pavley
State Capitol, Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 94249-0041

Dear Assembly Members Nunez and Pavley:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 32 (AMENDED AUGUST 23, 2006)
REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes unless amended** Assembly Bill 32 (AB 32), which, by 2020, would reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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.

Assembly Bill 32, if enacted, would establish the California Greenhouse Gas Reduction Council (comprised of various State-appointed officials) and require each appropriate State agency to prepare and implement a plan on how it will reduce greenhouse gas emissions (e.g., carbon dioxide, methane, etc) to 1990 levels by 2020. The Council would be responsible for developing a comprehensive research and development program to reduce

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greenhouse gas emissions, as well as ensuring that state agencies are carrying out their approved plans.

The Task Force applauds you for introducing this landmark global warming legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions over the next 15 years. The threat of global warming and climate change as a result of human impact has made its mark onto the public consciousness, and reducing greenhouse gases such as methane and carbon dioxide is now a high priority for many Californians. However, the Task Force is concerned that AB 32 would significantly impact local governments in the operation of programs and meeting the requirements of the Bill, for example by requiring local governments to catalog greenhouse gas emissions, comply with regulations promulgated by the State, and pay fees into the Air Pollution Control Fund. There are no provisions for reimbursing local governments from these costs or managing this impact. Recognizing that greenhouse gas emission reduction is a key priority for the State, the Task Force respectfully requests the Legislature provide sufficient funding to minimize the burden on local governments and address the contributions of greenhouse gas emissions from landfills.

Therefore, the Task Force **opposes unless amended** Assembly Bill 32. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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