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The Honorable Mike Gatto, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
1020 N Street, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gatto:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 416 (AMENDED APRIL 4, 2013)
STATE AIR RESOURCES BOARD: LOCAL EMISSION REDUCTION PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 416 (AB 416). If enacted, this bill would create the Local Emission Reduction Program and make funding available to local agencies to develop and implement greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction projects in the state.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 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 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, 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.

The Task Force believes local governments have been and will continue to be instrumental in meeting the state's climate and energy goals. Local governments are uniquely positioned to identify and implement projects that reflect local conditions and needs, achieve the greatest reductions of GHG emissions, and create local jobs. Programs have already been developed by local governments, which improve energy efficiency, waste diversion, and plan for cleaner and more environmentally sustainable communities. However, funding for the continuation and creation of these types of projects becomes scarcer year after year.

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AB 416 provides a funding mechanism derived from the revenue that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) generates under its cap-and-trade emission allowances auction. Allocating these revenues for local government GHG reduction projects enhances the realization of the goals set forth in AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Further, making this revenue available to local governments to identify projects at the local level will not only deliver the efficient and cost-effective GHG emission reduction projects but also ensures some level of environmental benefits and economic benefits to communities in California that are the most affected by AB 32.

Therefore, the Task Force is pleased to **support** AB 416, as it empowers local governments to pursue a range of GHG reducing, energy efficiency projects that will create jobs and improve the economy.

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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