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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez-Fletcher:

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1970 (EDUARDO GARCIA) LOW-CARBON FUELS –
AMENDED APRIL 12, 2018**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1970 (AB 1970), as amended April 12, 2018.

If enacted, AB 1970 would require the Air Resources Board (ARB), the California Energy Commission (CEC), the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), and the Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) to allocate no less than 25 percent of moneys appropriated by the Legislature to those agencies to provide incentives for the development of innovative low-carbon fuel projects.

The Task Force supports the intent of AB 1970 to promote the development and deployment of alternative and renewable low-carbon fuels that would utilize feedstocks derived from waste streams, among others. The Task Force is a proponent of the use of Alternative Technologies (ATs) as alternatives to landfills in order to manage post recycled materials, including organic waste. ATs are thermal, chemical, or biological processes that do not include incineration which are capable of converting solid/organic waste into low-carbon fuels such as biofuels including ethanol, biodiesel, and other green fuels. The Task Force is in favor of measures such as AB 1970 that promote the expansion and commercial viability of renewable energy technologies such as ATs.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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

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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 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 1970. 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.

Sincerely,



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Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
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