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The Honorable Jim Frazier, Chair
Assembly Committee on Transportation
1020 N Street Room 112
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Frazier:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 2115 (SANTIAGO) VEHICLES: PASSING AND OVERTAKING: WASTE SERVICE VEHICLES – INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 8, 2018

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2115 (AB 2115), as introduced February 8, 2018, **if amended** to extend the protections to other service vehicles, as noted in this letter. If enacted, AB 2115 would require a vehicle overtaking a stopped waste service vehicle to pass at a safe distance without interfering with the safe operation of the waste service vehicle, at a speed not to exceed 15 mph.

The Task Force applauds the intent of the bill and supports safety for refuse collection drivers but believes the bill could go further to expand this safety measure to other service vehicle drivers and crews from local jurisdictions. Often, these drivers and crews performing sanitation, street sweeping, tree trimming and other similar public works' services, find themselves performing under similar conditions as refuse collection drivers, operating vehicles and machinery under heavy, fast moving traffic. Therefore, the Task Force proposes to amend the bill to include service vehicles from local jurisdictions.

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 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

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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 2115 **if amended to include the recommendations stated in this letter**. 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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