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The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Portantino:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 2832 (DAHLE AND TING) AS AMENDED ON JULY 2, 2018 – RECYCLING AND REUSE: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2832 (AB 2832), as amended July 2, 2018, **if amended** to include the recommendation in this letter.

If enacted, AB 2832 would require the Secretary for Environmental Protection to convene the Lithium-Ion Car Battery Recycling Advisory Group to review, and advise the Legislature on, policies pertaining to the recovery and recycling of lithium-ion batteries sold with motor vehicles in the state. The bill requires the advisory group to submit policy recommendations to the Legislature aimed at ensuring that 90 percent of end-of-life lithium-ion vehicle batteries discarded in the state are recycled in a safe and cost-effective manner in the state.

The Task Force supports the proposed measure **if amended** to also address and provide for proper management/handling of non-electric vehicle lithium-ion batteries. The Task Force recommends amending the measure to include all types of lithium-ion batteries as their use (such as in electronic devices) has become prevalent and diverse in our society.

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

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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 2832 **if amended** to include all types of lithium-ion batteries. 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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