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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
Capitol Office, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

**SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 2959 (CALDERON) AS AMENDED ON MAY 5, 2020 –
SOLID WASTE: BYPRODUCTS FROM THE PROCESSING OF FOOD OR
BEVERAGES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2959 (AB 2959), as amended on May 5, 2020.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would reauthorize local governments to exercise the authority to determine, among other things, whether solid waste handling services are provided for by means of a nonexclusive, partially exclusive, or wholly exclusive franchise, contract, license, permit, or otherwise if those by products originate from a supermarket, grocer, restaurant, or other retail food establishment.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because it would clarify that Public Resource Code 40059.4 is limited in application and only applies to certain byproducts from agricultural and industrial sources that have historically not entered the municipal waste stream. This will ensure that restaurants and grocery stores, for example, are not considered “industrial sources” and somehow excluded from exclusive local agency franchise agreements.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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 system on a countywide basis. The Task Force

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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 2959 as indicated on 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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