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TO: Members, California State Senate

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**OPPOSE – AB 3232 (AS AMENDED ON MAY 29, 2018) – ZERO-EMISSIONS BUILDINGS AND SOURCES OF HEAT ENERGY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **OPPOSES** Assembly Bill 3232, as amended May 29, 2018.

As a proponent of measures that promote the expansion of renewable natural gas (RNG) markets, the Task Force is concerned that this bill seeks a large-scale transition away from gas to electric, which may significantly undermine efforts by the cities and counties to achieve the 75 percent organic waste disposal reduction mandated by Senate Bill 1383 (Lara – 2016). The bill will limit jurisdictions and industry efforts to develop markets for the needed infrastructure (at a cost of more than \$3 Billion) to generate renewable energy such as biogas/biomethane/biofuel for use in new and existing residential and commercial buildings.

The Task Force is also concerned that the bill's does not recognize the potential benefits of RNG, which can be made from a variety of feedstocks including post diverted organic waste and can be considered carbon negative because it captures more greenhouse gases than it emits. The organic wastes contribute to greenhouse gas emissions if disposed in landfills or land applied decomposition; however, these emissions can be eliminated when decomposition is contained in a vessel such as in anaerobic digestion or gasification.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force OPPOSES AB 3232 and requests your NO vote on the bill.** If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

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