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TO: California State Senators

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

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 614 (EGGMAN) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 13, 2019 – INCOME TAXES: CREDITS: FOOD BANKS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 614 (AB 614), as amended on June 13, 2019.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would expand the existing Fresh Fruits or Vegetables Tax Credit to apply to the donation of qualified donation items of raw agricultural products or processed foods. The bill would also expand the definition of “qualified taxpayer” to include the person responsible for growing or raising a qualified donation item, harvesting, packing, or processing a qualified donation item but would exclude a retailer. Additionally, the bill would apply these provisions to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2020.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because it would expand the list of items that agricultural producers can donate to Food Banks that qualify for an existing tax credit. This financial incentive will ultimately assist local jurisdictions divert useful waste from landfill to meet challenging waste diversion and short-lived climate pollutant (SCLPs) goals, including Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) specific requirement to recover at least 20 percent of edible food that is currently disposed of for human consumption by 2025.

As provided by Assembly Bill 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 respectfully requests your Aye on AB 614. 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.

cc: Assembly Member Eggman