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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 827 (McCARTY) AS AMENDED ON JUNE 6, 2019 – SOLID WASTE: COMMERCIAL AND ORGANIC WASTE: RECYCLING BINS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 827 (AB 827), as amended on May 22, 2019, **if amended** to address the concerns expressed in this letter.

If enacted, AB 827 would require a business that generates 4 cubic yards or more of commercial solid waste or 8 cubic yards or more of organic waste per week and so is already required by law to arrange for recycling services, and that also provides customers access to the business, to provide customers with a recycling bin for that waste stream that is visible, easily accessible, and clearly marked with educational signage. The bill would exempt full-service restaurants from its requirements. The bill would also require State Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to, on or before January 1, 2021, develop model signage that commercial and organic waste generators may utilize to mark the recycling bins provided to customers.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 827 **if it is amended** to incorporate the following:

1. Exempt businesses who currently have or can utilize qualified mixed waste processing.
2. Clearly specify if this bill will or will not eliminate Senate Bill 1383 (SB1383) (Lara, Chapter 395 of the 2016 state statutes) mixed waste allowances/standards.

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

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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 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 827 **if amended** to include the recommendations 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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