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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair
Senate Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2206
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lara:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 920 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED ON JULY 17, 2017:
ELECTRICITY: PROCUREMENT PLANS: INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS –
SUPPORT IF AMENDED**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports, if amended**, Assembly Bill 920 (AB 920), as amended on, July 17, 2017. If enacted, AB 920 would define a “diverse and balanced portfolio of resources” to include an appropriate mix of renewable capacity, including peaking, dispatchable, baseload, firm, and as-available capacity. This bill, among other things, would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to assess the need for, and benefits of, existing and future renewable baseload generation, and determine whether a procurement requirement for renewable baseload generation is necessary to meet the portfolio needs for renewable integration.

The Task Force supports programs that incentivize the production of clean renewable energy; however, not all renewable resources are properly valued for their economic, and environmental benefits. Currently, 75% of the renewable energy in the State comes from wind or solar but the State cannot rely on those weather-dependent resources alone.

We respectfully request an amendment to reinsert the language from the April 26, 2017 amended version of the bill which required that at least 20% of the renewable generation procured come from baseload renewable resources. In recent years, we have seen a decline in biomass facilities throughout the State. Without sufficient biomass facilities, the State cannot properly manage forestry and agricultural waste which can be used to generate energy instead of fueling wildfires and contributing to additional greenhouse gas emissions.

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 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 if amended** AB 920. 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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