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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 1086 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED ON JULY 7, 2021 – ORGANIC WASTE: IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY: REPORT

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1086 (AB 1086), as amended on July 7, 2021, **if it is further amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would request that the California Council on Science and Technology, in consultation with academic and research partners and other specified state agencies undertake and, within 12 months of entering into a contract, complete a report that provides an implementation strategy to achieve the state's organic waste, and related climate change and air quality, mandates, goals, and targets.

AB 1086 would require the implementation strategy to include, among other things, science-based assessment of the benefits and impacts of different end uses of organic waste; identify regulatory conflicts or barriers that need to be addressed to accelerate beneficial reuse of organic waste; specify potential funding sources and initiatives, opportunities for regional and cross-sector coordination, and other measures needed to meet the state's organic waste goals with interagency support and coordination for the beneficial reuse of organic waste. If the council agrees to undertake and complete the report, the bill would require the council to provide the report to the relevant state agencies after peer review in order for one or more of the relevant state agencies to conduct at least one public meeting and publish the draft implementation strategy on its internet website. The bill would also require the council, if it agrees to undertake and complete the report, to submit the report to the Legislature.

The Task Force recommends amending the bill to specifically include local governments as stakeholders to consult with in preparing the scoping plan and any other relevant documents or plans. Local governments are primary implementers of organic waste diversion and ought to be consulted and have input on each aspect of an organic waste implementation plan.

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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** AB 1086 **if amended** to include the recommendation 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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