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TO: California State Senators

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

**OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 1276 (CARRILLO AND LORENA GONZALEZ) AS AMENDED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2021 – SINGLE-USE FOODWARE ACCESSORIES AND STANDARD CONDIMENTS.**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **OPPOSES** Assembly Bill 1276 (AB 1276), as amended on September 3, 2021, **unless amended** to address the concern expressed in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would revise and expand the prohibition on food service facilities from distributing single-use plastic straws except upon request to include any single-use food ware accessories or standard condiments unless it is requested by a consumer.

The Task Force agrees that the bill, if enacted, would reduce single-use plastic waste but opposes the bill unless it is amended to include language requiring the State to be responsible for enforcement or provide funding to local governments for local enforcement of the prohibition and requirements. Local governments often do not have the additional capacity for unfunded state mandates, implementation of the requirements would be inadequately supported, prescribing failure of implementation of the law. The state ought to adequately fund requirements it imposes on local governments. As such, the Task Force respectfully **opposes** AB 1276 **unless amended** to address the foregoing concern.

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.

Thank you for consideration of our request to **OPPOSE** AB 1276 **unless amended** to address the concern expressed in this letter. 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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