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The Honorable Jared Huffman
State Capitol, Room 3120
Sacramento, CA 94249-0006

Dear Assembly Member Huffman:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1343 (AMENDED JULY 13, 2009)
ARCHITECTURAL PAINTS: RECOVERY PROGRAMS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** AB 1343, which among other things, would require manufacturers of architectural paint on or before January 1, 2011, to develop and implement a paint recovery program that will reduce the generation, promote the reuse, and manage the end of life impacts of postconsumer latex and oil based paints.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939, as amended), the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, 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, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

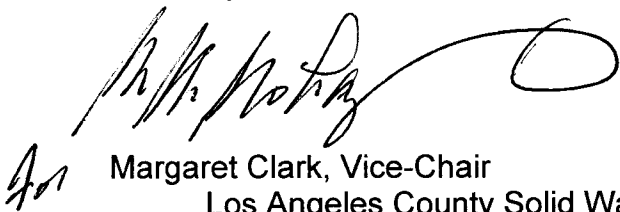
Currently, local governments shoulder the responsibility for managing leftover (postconsumer) paint. Postconsumer paint is now the single largest waste item collected by local government household hazardous waste (HHW) programs, representing nearly *one third* of the amount of waste managed. In 2008, Los Angeles

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County's HHW program collected over 2.5 million pounds of paint, at a cost of approximately two million dollars. AB 1343 would make paint manufacturers responsible for the design and management of a collection system for postconsumer paint that would save millions of dollars in taxpayer funds spent by local governments each year managing post consumer paint.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 1343, and commends Assembly Member Huffman for recognizing the tremendous burden and cost placed on local governments to manage this substantial waste stream. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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