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The Honorable Katcho Achadjian, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Achadjian,

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1970 (AMENDED APRIL 10, 2014) - SUPPORT
CALIFORNIA GLOBAL WARMING SOLUTIONS ACT OF 2006: COMMUNITY
INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1970. If enacted, AB 1970 would create the Community Investment and Innovation Program and would require moneys to be available from the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund for awarding local assistance grants and other financial assistance to eligible grant applicants, who submit plans to develop and implement integrated community-level greenhouse gas emissions reduction projects in their region.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 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, 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, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

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The Task Force believes local governments have been and will continue to be instrumental in meeting the state's climate and energy goals. Local governments are uniquely positioned to identify and implement projects that reflect local conditions and needs, achieve the greatest reductions of GHG emissions, and create local jobs. Programs have already been developed by local governments, which improve energy efficiency, waste diversion, and plan for cleaner and more environmentally sustainable communities. However, funding for the continuation and creation of these types of projects becomes scarcer year after year.

AB 1970 provides a funding mechanism derived from the revenue that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) generates under its cap-and-trade emission allowances auction. Allocating these revenues for local government GHG reduction projects enhances the realization of the goals set forth in AB 32, the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Further, making this revenue available to local governments to identify projects at the local level will not only deliver the efficient and cost-effective GHG emission reduction projects but also ensures some level of environmental benefits and economic benefits to communities in California that are the most affected by AB 32.

Therefore, the Task Force is pleased to **support** AB 1970, as it empowers local governments to pursue a range of GHG reducing, energy efficiency projects that will create jobs and improve the economy.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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