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The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair
Assembly Committee on Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
1020 N Street, Room 171
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Quirk:

OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 318 (LEVINE) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 9, 2021 – HAZARDOUS WASTE: CLASSIFICATION: EXCLUSIONS: GREEN WASTE

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Assembly Bill 318 (AB 318), as amended on March 9, 2021, **unless amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would exclude certain green waste from being classified as a hazardous waste. Specifically, green waste that has not been contaminated by a chemical that the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) determines is hazardous or toxic during the production, harvest, or processing stage. Subject to the above exclusion, the bill would require that green waste to be disposed of in a permitted class I, II, or III disposal unit or in a compostable material handling operation.

The Task Force opposes the proposed legislation unless amended as the bill proposes new disposal requirements that are inconsistent with the disposal requirements of Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, Chapter 395, 2016 state statute) [SB 1383] and the restrictions placed on compost processing, movement of compost out of production area, and marketing of compost by the Department of Food and Agriculture. The bill should be amended to allow for the processing of green waste through all methods allowable under SB 1383 and rules and regulations of the Department of Food and Agriculture. The bill must also clarify DTSC's authority and how these rules and regulations will relate to other agencies that have authority over green waste, such as the Department of Food and Agriculture and the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery.

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Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 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 **opposes** AB 318 **unless amended** to include the recommendations 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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