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The Honorable Cottie Petrie-Norris, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Accountability  
and Administrative Review  
1020 N Street, Room 357  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Petrie-Norris:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 661 (BENNETT) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 11, 2021 – RECYCLING: MATERIALS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **Supports** Assembly Bill 661 (AB 661), as amended on March 11, 2021, **if it is further amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require a state agency, if fitness and quality are equal, to purchase recycled products instead of nonrecycled products, without regard to cost. The bill would substantially revise State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC) product categories. The bill would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), in consultation with the Department of General Services (DGS), to update a list of products and minimum recycled content percentages, as determined to be appropriate, commencing January 1, 2025, and every 3 years thereafter. The bill would require CalRecycle and DGS to incorporate the updated list of products and minimum recycled content requirements into the State Contracting Manual, the Financial Information System for California, and the financial system of any department not utilizing the Financial Information System for California. The bill would require CalRecycle to maintain an internet website with current SABRC products and minimum recycled content requirements. The bill would establish product categories and minimum content and recyclability requirements, effective January 1, 2022, until updated by CalRecycle. The bill would delete the DGS review and recommendation process for unmet requirements and, instead, would require the CalRecycle to report a state agency that does not meet SABRC purchasing requirements in each product category to the DGS. The bill would require all state agency procurement and contracting officers, or their designees, to participate in mandatory annual training, as prescribed, conducted jointly by CalRecycle and DGS. The bill would require DGS and the Prison Industry Authority to prioritize the use of recycled content products. The bill would require DGS, in collaboration with CalRecycle, to establish a requirement to offer products that meet the SABRC postconsumer minimum percentage requirements to state agencies that utilize their statewide contracts. The bill would require the Prison Industry Authority, in collaboration with CalRecycle, to make every attempt to procure parts that meet the SABRC postconsumer minimum percentage requirements for the products it creates and sells to state agencies.

The Task Force recommends amending the bill to provide up to 15% cost preference rather than unlimited cost preference for recycled products. The 15% cost preference is generally a discount that is being considered as reasonable by many local governments.

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 661 **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](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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