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The Honorable Luz M. Rivas, Chair
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources
Legislative Office Building
1020 N Street, Room 164
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Rivas:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 734 (EDUARDO GARCIA) AS AMENDED MARCH 25, 2021 – ORGANIC WASTE: REDUCTION GOALS: EDIBLE FOOD

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **Supports** Assembly Bill 734 (AB 734), as amended March 25, 2021.

Current State law establishing the methane emissions reductions goals targets the reduction of landfill disposal of organics by requiring that not less than 20 percent of edible food that is currently disposed of is recovered for human consumption by 2025. The proposed legislation would revise the said goal by authorizing recovery for animal or livestock consumption, in addition to recovery for human consumption, in order to recover, by 2025, not less than 20 percent of edible food that is disposed of as of January 1, 2022.

The Task Force is in support of such a measure because it will provide flexibility in complying with the requirements of SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) and is consistent with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Food Recovery Hierarchy.

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

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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 734. 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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