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TO: California State Senators

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/  
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED - ASSEMBLY BILL 881 (LORENA GONZALEZ, FRIEDMAN, CRISTINA GARCIA AND MATHIS) AS AMENDED ON AUGUST 18, 2021 – PLASTIC WASTE: DIVERSION: RECYCLING: EXPORT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **Supports** Assembly Bill 881 (AB 881), as amended on August 18, 2021, provided it is **amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would establish the following criteria/standards for mixed plastic waste exported for recycling in order to be credited toward a local jurisdiction's solid waste diversion rate by (1) the plastic waste export is a mixture of plastic wastes consisting of polyethylene, polypropylene, or polyethylene terephthalate and the export is destined for separate recycling of each material; and (2) the plastic waste export is not prohibited by an applicable law or treaty of the country of destination and the import of the plastic waste into the country of destination will be conducted in accordance with all applicable laws and treaties of the country of destination.

The Task Force agrees that the bill would support proper handling and recycling of exported plastic waste. However, to ensure that local jurisdictions are not penalized for the failure of exporters to comply with these standards, a matter essentially outside the control of local jurisdiction, the Task Force recommends the bill be **amended to include** a mechanism for penalizing exporters whose failure to comply results in a loss of diversion credit to a jurisdiction.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 881 **if amended**. 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.

cc: Assembly Members Lorena Gonzalez, Friedman, Cristina Garcia, and Mathis