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The Honorable Lori Saldaña
State Capitol Room 3152
Sacramento, CA 94249-0076

Dear Assembly Member Saldaña:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 925 (AMENDED JUNE 30, 2009)
RECYCLING: SINGLE-USE PLASTIC BEVERAGE CONTAINER CAPS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 925 (AB 925). AB 925 would prohibit a retailer, on and after January 1, 2012, from selling a single-use plastic beverage container unless the container's cap is affixed.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of 10 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, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Marine debris is a serious problem along our shorelines and within our coastal waters estuaries, and oceans. Plastic bottle caps are a significant source of marine debris; in 2005, the Coastal Commission gathered over 61,000 bottle caps as a result of the state's annual coastal cleanup day. By eliminating this source of litter, California can prevent millions of caps from entering our waterways, and decrease the fiscal burden caused by cap cleanup on local jurisdictions.

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AB 925, if enacted, would on and after January 1, 2012, prohibit a retailer from selling a single-use plastic beverage container with a cap unless the cap is tethered or affixed to the container. By requiring caps be attached to the bottle, AB 925 would not only prevent a major source of litter from entering our waterways and polluting our beaches, but also facilitate the increased recycling of plastic beverage bottle caps as part of California's successful bottle recycling infrastructure. Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 925. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Margaret Clark', with a large, decorative flourish extending to the right.

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
Mayor, City of Rosemead

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