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The Honorable Lorena S. Gonzalez Fletcher, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

SENATE BILL 100 (DE LEÓN) AS AMENDED ON JULY 18, 2017: CALIFORNIA RENEWABLES PORTFOLIO STANDARD PROGRAM: EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES - OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully **opposes** Senate Bill 100 (SB 100) as amended on, July 18, 2017, **unless amended to address the concerns expressed in this letter**. If enacted, SB 100 would accelerate the California Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS) program goal to 50% renewable energy by 2026 and establish a new target of 60% by 2030, plus establish a State policy goal of 100% renewable energy and zero-carbon resources by 2045. Among other things, this bill would require retail sellers and local publicly owned electric utilities to procure a minimum quantity of electricity products from eligible renewable energy resources to achieve 44% of retail sales by 2024, 52% by 2027, and 60% by 2030.

The Task Force is supportive of efforts to produce clean renewable energy, reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and combat climate change. However, the Task Force cannot support unrealistic goals without properly evaluating the impact on the State's environment and economy. These measures will significantly increase costs to ratepayers and businesses without being substantiated by an assessment of the actual benefits to the environment.

SB 100 lacks the development of existing alternative technologies that can also help the State attain renewable energy reliance. The Task Force is an avid supporter of an array of alternative technologies, including conversion technologies (CTs), but this bill fails to recognize their potential to help meet RPS targets. CTs can be used to process the residual digestate from the anaerobic digestion process. Thermal non-combustion

conversion of digestate can be used to generate electricity or renewable fuel as well as producing biochar, which is extremely beneficial for creating healthy soils. Further, CTs would positively contribute to help the State reach the recently enacted reduced organic waste targets and GHG emissions.

We respectfully request an amendment to reinsert the language from the amended version on, May 1, 2017, which expands the definition of biomass conversion, biogas, and biomethane. Additionally, we recommend an assessment of the impacts and benefits of increasing the RPS program goals and engaging key stakeholders to develop more attainable goals. Lastly, we request that CTs be given parity as an eligible renewable energy resource rather than relying solely on solar and wind.

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 respectfully **opposes unless amended** SB 100. 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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