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The Honorable Ricardo Lara, Chair  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Senator Lara,

**SENATE BILL 1402 (AMENDED MARCH 28, 2016)  
LOW-CARBON FUELS**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 1402 (SB 1402). If enacted, this bill would create the California Low-Carbon Fuels Incentive Program, administered by the State Air Resources Board (ARB) and the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to authorize appropriated funds to encourage and incentivize in-state production of low-carbon transportation fuels from new and existing facilities using sustainable feedstock.

Aggressive reduction in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions remains a critical strategy against global climate change. According to data compiled by the Air Resources Board (ARB), nearly 170 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalents (MMTCO<sub>2</sub>E) were emitted statewide in 2013 from transportation activities, accounting for approximately 37 percent of aggregate GHG emissions. Legislation designed to provide economic incentives to facilities that produce low-carbon transportation fuels could help the state achieve substantial long-term reduction in carbon emissions while also supporting the GHG reduction and climate change goals outlined in AB 32. It is the position of the Task Force that SB 1402, as amended, stands as practical and effective legislation for achieving these statewide goals.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten

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million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated 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, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 1402, as this legislation serves as an effective medium to achieve the state's climate change goals. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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