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The Honorable Ken Cooley, Chair
Assembly Committee on Rules
State Capitol, Room 3016
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Cooley:

**SENATE BILL 35 (WIENER): PLANNING AND ZONING: AFFORDABLE HOUSING:
STREAMLINED APPROVAL PROCESS - OPPOSE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully **opposes** Senate Bill 35 (SB 35), as amended on, July 21, 2017. Among other things, SB 35, would create a streamlined, ministerial approval process for multifamily housing developments that contain two or more residential units in jurisdictions that are deficient in meeting their regional housing needs assessment numbers.

If enacted, SB 35 preempts local governments discretionary land use authority by mandating ministerial approval of multifamily housing developments. This bill would compromise critical environmental reviews and public inputs as well as the adequacy of existing infrastructures to protect residents' health and safety. The Taskforce is well aware of the State's housing supply and affordability but SB 35 is not the answer nor does it provide a comprehensive solution other than imposing a series of arbitrary mandates on local governments while requiring them to provide an extensive amount of data to State on a continuous basis at a significant cost to them. Additionally, inadequate planning for multifamily housing developments will contribute to the excessive amount of solid and sewage waste generated in urban areas which already lack sufficient infrastructure to manage these wastes.

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

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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 **opposes** SB 35. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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