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September 3, 2008

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**SENATE BILL 1016 (ENROLLED AUGUST 26, 2008)
REVISION TO DIVERSION RATE MEASUREMENT SYSTEM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **respectfully requests your signature** on Senate Bill 1016 (SB 1016). SB 1016 would, among other things, revise the current solid waste diversion rate measurement system to a per-capita disposal based system, using 2003-06 as a base year.

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 the 88 cities within 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, the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, the City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

SB 1016 would modify the basis used by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) to determine a local jurisdiction's compliance with California's Integrated Waste Management Act (AB 939, 1989 statutes). Rather than the current diversion-based measurement system, which relies upon complex formulas, estimates and extrapolations, SB 1016 proposes to measure each jurisdiction's more accurate disposal rate, applied on a per capita basis. The Bill identifies a number of factors that must also be

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considered by the Waste Board in accurately measuring a jurisdiction's per capita disposal rate. In addition, the Bill incorporates intent language that acknowledges this measured per capita disposal rate, although potentially more accurate than the current estimated diversion rate, is still only an indicator of whether a jurisdiction is in compliance with AB 939's requirements.

These and other changes proposed in SB 1016 would therefore reduce the burden on local jurisdictions to quantify, document and report disposal and diversion data, thereby allowing jurisdictions to focus additional resources on waste reduction and recycling **program implementation** rather than mathematical compliance. Therefore, the Task Force **respectfully requests your signature** on SB 1016. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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