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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia, Chair Assembly Committee on Utilities and Energy 1020 N Street, Room 408A Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 833 (DODD AND STERN) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 21, 2022 – COMMUNITY ENERGY RESILIENCE ACT OF 2022

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 833 (SB 833), as amended on March 21, 2022.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop and implement a grant program for local governments to develop community energy resilience plans and utilize a resilience valuation index to inform planning efforts that support deployment of distributed energy resources aligned with the state's climate policies and air quality goals.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would provide much needed funding for energy resiliency planning that could lead to the development of additional energy generating facilities to divert organic waste from disposal while assisting local jurisdictions in their efforts to comply with Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016) mandates.

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

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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 **supports** SB 833. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Sam Shammas, Vice-Chair Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force

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