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May 23, 2007

The Honorable Alex Padilla
State Capitol Room 4032
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Padilla:

INVITATION TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE/INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT TASK FORCE FOR DISCUSSION OF SENATE BILL 826 AND SENATE BILL 1020

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), we would like to extend to you an open invitation to attend one of our meetings to discuss your legislation, Senate Bills 826 and 1020.

The Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and its 88 cities in Los Angeles County. 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.

Solid waste management, and its impact on California's environment, presents both challenges and opportunities to State and local governments. Your experience at the City of Los Angeles has provided you with insight into the challenges faced by local governments, including those created by State mandates. As you may know, the Task Force expressed strong concerns regarding Senate Bill 1020, which proposes to increase the mandatory diversion rate in California to 75 percent by 2012 (copy enclosed). The Task Force also has concerns related to SB 826, which would adopt

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additional environmental justice criteria for solid waste management facilities. SB 826 would make it more difficult to site the necessary recycling and diversion infrastructure necessary to meet the mandatory 75 percent diversion targets as proposed by SB 1020.

The Task Force's diverse membership regularly discusses the potential impacts of legislation on Los Angeles County, considered to have one of the most complex solid waste management systems in the United States. The Task Force would like to extend to you an invitation to attend our next meeting, scheduled for June 21, 2007, so that we may share our local perspectives. We share a mutual goal of increasing diversion from landfills, and protecting the health and safety of all our residents. Los Angeles County strives to enhance and maintain California's leadership position on environmental innovation and stewardship.

Task Force meetings are generally scheduled for 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month, and are held at the County of Los Angeles' Department of Public Works Headquarters, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803. We would be pleased to have your staff regularly attend our meetings. Agendas and minutes of previous and future meetings are available online at www.lacountyiswmtf.org.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (626) 288-7308 or you may contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Task Force meeting.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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cc: Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force