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May 27, 2008

The Honorable Alex Padilla
State Capital, Room 4032
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The Honorable Felipe Fuentes
State Capital, Room 3132
Sacramento, CA 94249-0039

Dear Senator Padilla and Assembly Member Fuentes:

**SENATE BILL 1357 (AMENDED APRIL 23, 2008)
BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING AND LITTER REDUCTION GRANTS**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 1357 (SB 1357), which among other things, would authorize the California Department of Conservation (DOC) to expend up to \$20 million dollars in beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs and grants between January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2012.

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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated, cost-effective solid 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.

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SB 1357, if amended, would revise the Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act to authorize the DOC to expend up to \$20 million between January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2012, for beverage container recycling and litter reduction programs and grants, and amend current law pertaining to how processing payments are calculated.

SB 1357 would provide much needed funding that would assist local governments in their recycling and litter reduction programs and help them to expand recycling, address litter problems, and allow for various infrastructure improvements that will help to keep recyclables from being landfilled.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** SB 1357. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force and
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cc: Senate President Pro Tem, Don Perata
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California Department of Conservation
Each Member of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors
Each City Mayor in the County of Los Angeles
California State Association of Counties
League of California Cities
League of California Cities, Los Angeles County Division
Southern California Association of Governments
San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Each City Recycling Coordinator in Los Angeles County
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force