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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Mark Pestrella, PE, Chair 
Los Angeles County Solid Waste Committee/
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**REQUEST FOR COUNTY ADVOCACY TO SUPPORT
SENATE BILL 936 (BLAKESPEAR) NITROUS OXIDE: SALES**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is writing to express our support for Senate Bill (SB) 936 (Blakespear, 2026). SB 936 would create four new infractions related to the sale or distribution of nitrous oxide. Specifically, it would make it unlawful to sell, furnish, offer, distribute, or give away a nitrous oxide container that is capable of holding more than 8 grams of nitrous oxide or a nitrous oxide container from which an individual may directly inhale the substance. This bill defines a "nitrous oxide container" as any device, canister, tank, or receptacle exclusively containing nitrous oxide or a nitrous oxide chemical compound. Additionally, SB 936 authorizes courts to suspend the business licenses of violators, including those issued under the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003. Beyond the immediate health risks to individuals, the proliferation of large-format nitrous oxide canisters has led to an increase in hazardous litter in parks and communities. These canisters are difficult to recycle and can pose significant explosion risks at solid waste facilities if improperly discarded. By restricting their sale at the source, SB 936 supports local efforts to maintain clean, safe, and sustainable environments.

The Task Force appreciates the action of Los Angeles County (County) to support legislation that encourages and incentivizes clean manufacturing and promotes projects that reduce environmental pollutants. The Task Force urges the County Board of Supervisors to engage in supporting SB 936 as it would address the growing public safety and health concerns surrounding the unregulated sale and distribution of nitrous oxide.

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

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documents prepared for the County and the 88 cities in the County with a combined population in excess of 10 million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated, cost effective, and environmentally sound solid waste management system in the 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, 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.

If you have any questions, please contact Jocelyn Stark, Chief, Administrative Operations at (626) 458-6521 or jstark@pw.lacounty.gov.

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Attach.

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**Legislative Summary / Findings
SB 936 (Blakespear) – As Introduced on January 29, 2026
Nitrous Oxide: Sales**

Summary: SB 936 would create four new infractions related to the sale or distribution of nitrous oxide, including making it unlawful to sell, furnish, offer, distribute, or give away a nitrous oxide container that is capable of holding more than eight grams of nitrous oxide or a nitrous oxide container from which an individual may directly inhale nitrous oxide. This bill would define “nitrous oxide container” to mean a device, canister, tank, or receptacle either exclusively containing nitrous oxide or exclusively containing a chemical compound mixed with nitrous oxide. This bill would also authorize a court to issue orders against violators suspending a business license or license issued pursuant to the Cigarette and Tobacco Products Licensing Act of 2003 or the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act.

Commission Recommendation: None.

CEO Legislative Affairs Findings: SB 936 would create a new crime and impose fines; therefore, a Board-adopted motion is required to take an advocacy position.

Bill Status: SB 936 is scheduled for consideration in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development on April 13, 2026.