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The Honorable Joe Canciamilla
State Capitol Room 2141
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Dear Assembly Member Canciamilla:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1992 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2006)
ILLEGAL DUMPING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1992 related to illegal dumping.

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. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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.

Illegal dumping poses a threat to public health and safety, reduces the quality of life, lowers property values, and harms the environment. For many years, local governments have worked hard with few resources to reduce the occurrence of illegal dumping. Enforcement and prosecution is a key tool in preventing and deterring future incidences of illegal dumping. Currently State law (Section 117555 of the Health & Safety Code) provides for those illegally dumping *garbage* on public properties to be prosecuted as a misdemeanor. Assembly Bill 1992 would broaden this statute to cover any one that illegally dumps solid waste materials on private or public properties, thereby providing local governments with additional flexibility in prosecuting illegal dumpers.

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Therefore the Task Force **supports** Assembly Bill 1992. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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