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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor of the State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2176 (ENROLLED AUGUST 25, 2004)  
LARGE VENUE AND LARGE EVENT RECYCLING PROGRAM**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **recommends you veto** Assembly Bill 2176—Large Venue and Large Event Recycling Program.

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 by the County and the 88 cities in the County of Los Angeles. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective solid waste management system in the County of Los Angeles, the Task Force also addresses issues impacting the solid waste management 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.

AB 2176, if enacted, would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board to make available model ordinances to local jurisdictions for adoption which require source reduction and recycling activities at large venues and large events. In addition, when issuing a building permit to a large venue or event, the local jurisdiction must provide information to the permittee on how to reduce and recycle solid waste generated at the venue/event. In turn, large venue/event operators must provide diversion program information to the host jurisdiction within one month of a request by the local agency. Beginning July 1, 2005, a local jurisdiction would be prohibited from issuing a building permit to a development project unless the project provides adequate areas for collecting and loading recyclable materials.

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The Task Force applauds the efforts to reduce and recycle solid waste materials generated at large venues and events, however, AB 2176 continues to require local jurisdictions to establish planning requirements that dictate where and how facilities may be sited/constructed. The authority to make such a local land use decision should rest solely with the local jurisdiction's governing body and not be set by statute. AB 2176's planning requirements are also overly burdensome since they require local jurisdictions to spend their scarce dollars on fruitless "bean counting" activities by seeking specified information from large venue/event operators which could be better used for needed public safety and other programs.

Therefore, the Task Force **recommends you veto** AB 2176. Should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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