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May 14, 2008

The Honorable Julia Brownley State Capital, Room 6011 Sacramento, CA 94249-0041

Dear Assembly Member Brownley:

ASSEMBLY BILL 1391 (AMENDED JANUARY 7, 2008) CONSUMER INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1391 (AB 1391), which would require manufacturers and retailers of covered electronic devices (CEDs) to make information available to consumers by July 1, 2009 regarding where and how to return, recycle, and dispose of a CED.

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.

The Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 has been a major success story in providing resources to local government and recyclers in order to keep CEDs from being improperly disposed in California. AB 1391 builds on that success by providing another avenue for disseminating readily accessible information regarding proper management of CEDs to consumers. By increasing awareness of proper venues for collection and management of CEDs, AB 1391 can increase the amount of CEDs recovered from improper disposal.

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Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 1391. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair

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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force and Council Member, City of Rosemead

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cc: Senate President Pro Tem, Don Perata

Each Member of the Senate Environmental Quality Committee

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California Integrated Waste Management Board

California Department of Transportation

Each Member of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors

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