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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
Environmental Quality Committee
State Capital Room 2205
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Dear Senator Wieckowski,

ASSEMBLY BILL 1176: VEHICULAR AIR POLLUTION: SUPPORT

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1176 (AB 1176), as amended July 7, 2015. Among other things, this bill would establish the Advanced Low-Carbon Diesel Fuels Access Program to provide capital assistance for projects that expand advanced low-carbon diesel fueling infrastructure in communities that are disproportionately impacted by environmental hazards and additionally where the greatest air quality impacts can be identified.

Pursuant to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of all major solid waste planning documents prepared for the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with these responsibilities and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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, County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, City of Los Angeles, the waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

AB 1176 has been drafted with the aim of augmenting Assembly Bill 118 (AB 118, Nunez, 2007) to further advance measurable reductions in greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and criteria pollutants Statewide, but particularly in those communities identified by the California Communities Environmental Health Screening Tool (CalEnviroScreen 2.0) as disproportionately affected by multiple sources of pollution which includes significant portions of Los Angeles County. AB 1176 would facilitate and encourage investment in advanced low-carbon fuels through

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the establishment of biodiesel and renewable diesel filling stations, thereby emitting measurably less GHG, nitrogen oxides, particulate matter, and other harmful agents, that reduce air quality.

Moreover, AB 1176 would authorize the California Energy Commission (CEC) to extend by two years the terms of a contract, grant, loan, or related agreement, whereby the priority of funds is redirected to projects benefitting disadvantaged communities.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1176, as this legislation serves as an effective medium to achieve the aims discussed herewith. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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