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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski, Chair
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

**SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 1132 (GARCIA): NONVEHICULAR AIR POLLUTION:
ORDER FOR ABATEMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 1132 (AB 1132), as amended on, June 5, 2017. If enacted, AB 1132 would authorize the air pollution control districts to issue an interim order for abatement, if a person is causing imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health or environment, pending an abatement hearing. Among other things, the bill would also require the air pollution control districts to make reasonable efforts to agree with the violator on a stipulated interim order and to include in the notification the grounds for the order and procedures for challenging the order.

Under current law, a petition of an order for abatement usually takes about fifteen days to be set for hearing with the air district's hearing board to allow for proper public notice, and the hearings can take months before the order is issued. A violator may continue to pollute through the entire process. AB 1132 would amend the process by expediting a temporary order for abatement and immediately ceasing operations at facilities causing imminent and substantial endangerment to the public health and environment. Air districts will be equipped with the enforcement tools necessary to prevent scenarios like Exide Technologies in Vernon, Ridgeline Energy Services in Santa Fe Springs, and Anaplex Corporations in the City of Paramount.

Pursuant to the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939) 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

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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.

For the foregoing reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 1132 as amended on June 5, 2017. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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