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The Honorable Cristina Garcia, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Judiciary  
1020 N Street, Room 104  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Members Garcia and Stone:

### **OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 1147 (SALAS) SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **opposes** Assembly Bill 1147 (AB 1147), as introduced February 17, 2017. If enacted, AB 1147 would subject an “unauthorized person” (an undefined term) to civil action for collecting, removing, or transporting solid waste generated by another person on residential, commercial, or industrial premises.

The Task Force understands the importance of deterring the theft of recyclables. However, under the provisions of California Public Resources Code (PRC), Section 41950 et al., this activity is already a penalized violation. State law (Section 41954 of the PRC) also authorizes a local agency to adopt or enforce regulations or ordinances on the same matter. As such, this bill is redundant and unnecessary. AB 1147, if enacted, would create an additional financial burden for local governments who will be tasked with enforcing more stringent laws. Furthermore, this bill could potentially penalize self-haulers (such as non-profit organizations, construction contractors, residential gardeners, etc.) who fail to meet the definition of “authorized person”. Considering the fiscal challenges already faced by cities and counties as well as competing priorities, safeguarding recyclables and/or solid waste is not a priority for many local governments and especially their law enforcement agencies; hence, these laws prove to be unproductive and not cost effective.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 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, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **opposes** AB 1147. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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