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The Honorable Toni G. Atkins, Chair
Senate Committee on Rules
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Atkins:

OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 1250 (JONES-SAWYER) COUNTIES: CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES – AMENDED SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully **opposes** Assembly Bill 250 (AB 1250), as amended September 5, 2017. If enacted, AB 1250 would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties. Among other things, the bill would require counties to clearly demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in actual overall costs savings to the county and to show that the contract does not cause the displacement of county workers.

AB 1250 would significantly restrict counties ability to enter contracts. Also, the Task Force is concerned that the requirements of AB 1250 apply evenly to every county regardless of size or need for certain services. This may result in some counties being disproportionately burdened as different jurisdictions have different service needs based on the populations they serve. In addition, the increased county staff time that would be required for contract review and analysis, implementation of auditing and reporting requirements, will make it difficult to realize the cost savings the bill intends to achieve. AB 1250 sets a precedent that will make it easier to impose conditions on local government contracts for services, and erodes local officials' ability to manage local affairs, making it hard to preserve essential public services during tough financial times.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (AB 939), 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

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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 respectfully **opposes** AB 1250. If you have any questions, 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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