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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 144 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED
ON APRIL 1, 2019 – PUBLIC RESOURCES MANAGEMENT: ORGANIC WASTE**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports if amended** Assembly Bill 144 (AB 144), as amended on April 1, 2019, if amended to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, the proposed legislation, among other things, would require the Strategic Growth Council, in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit a report to the California Legislature that provides a scoping plan to help meet the state's organic waste reduction, Short-Lived Climate Pollutant, air quality mandates, and other goals and targets. Currently there is no comprehensive state organic waste plan nor a funding plan to achieve the requirements of Senate Bill 1383 (Lara, 2016). AB 144 would require the scoping plan to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for the beneficial reuse of organic waste.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation **if amended** to also include:

1. Specifically include local government in the list of stakeholders to consult with in preparing the scoping plan and any other relevant documents or plans, and
2. Ensure in-state biomethane production.

The Task Force strongly supports the proposed legislation because it would provide a greatly needed comprehensive organic waste scoping plan with additional policy and funding recommendations for the beneficial use of organic waste.

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

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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 **supports** AB 144, **if amended** to include the recommendations in this letter. 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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