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TO: Members, California State Assembly

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUPPORT – AB 1509 (AS AMENDED ON MAY 1, 2019) – SOLID WASTE: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 1509 (AB 1509), Solid waste: Lithium-Ion Batteries, as amended May 1, 2019.

AB 1509 would amend the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to allow for the recovery and recycling of lithium-ion batteries and products containing lithium-ion batteries under the proposed Lithium-Ion Battery Recycling Program established in the Department of Resources, Recycling and Recovery. The Program intent is to reduce/eliminate the potential for these batteries entering solid waste stream which when punctured cause fires and/or explosions that have significantly damaged waste hauler trucks, Material Recovery Facilities and other solid waste management facilities. The bill has two main goals: to reduce the number of lithium-ion batteries that are being inappropriately sent to solid waste landfills by consumers and to increase the recycling of lithium-ion batteries.

This bill, if enacted, would also establish an Extended Producer Responsibility program for lithium-ion batteries and setting recycling rates for products that contain lithium-ion batteries for the purpose of sharing responsibility for end-of-life product management between all entities involved in the product's life, from production to disposal (or recycling), instead of the public and local governments.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS AB 1509 and requests your AYE vote on the bill.** 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.

cc: Assembly Member Kevin Mullin and Assembly Member Marc Berman