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The Honorable Ricardo Lara  
Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Lara:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 1923 (AMENDED JUNE 2, 2016)  
BIOENERGY FEED-IN TARIFF**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 1923 (AB 1923), as amended on June 2, 2016. This bill, if enacted, would require the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) to direct the electrical corporations to authorize a bioenergy electric generation facility with a generating capacity of 5 megawatts (MGs) to participate in the bioenergy feed-in tariff (FIT), if the facility delivers no more than 3 MGs to the grid.

The Task Force is a supporter of programs that help incentivize the production of clean renewable energy. AB 1923 would increase, from 3 MGs to 5 MGs, the limit on the capacity of a bioenergy electric generation facility that may participate in the bioenergy FIT program; hence, opening the door to more small producers of renewable energy that help recycle and reuse organic waste. Further, AB 1923 would complement recently passed organic waste diversion laws by allowing more bioenergy electric generation facilities to participate in a program which diverts biomass from landfills.

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

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Los Angeles, waste management industry, environmental groups, the public, and a number of other governmental agencies.

For the above reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 1923 as amended. Should you have any questions regarding this-matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a Member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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