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

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez-Fletcher:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED ASSEMBLY BILL 2407 (TING) RECYCLING: LITHIUM-ION BATTERIES: ADVISORY GROUP – AMENDED APRIL 17, 2018

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 2407 (AB 2407), as amended April 17, 2018, **if amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

If enacted, AB 2407 would require the Secretary for the Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) to convene an advisory group to review, and advise the Legislature on, policies pertaining to the recovery and recycling of lithium-ion (Li-ion) vehicle batteries sold with motor vehicles in the state.

The Task Force supports the proposed measure as it seeks to provide for a coordinated approach to end-of-life management strategies for Li-ion batteries from motor vehicles. However, the Task Force recommends amending the measure to include all types of Li-ion batteries, as their use has become prevalent and diverse in our society. Furthermore, while the proposed advisory group includes representatives from a diverse group of stakeholders, there is no requirement to include representatives from local governments. The Task Force recommends including representatives from local governments in the advisory group as their input would be vital in crafting and implementing policies aimed at the proper end-of-life management of all types of Li-ion batteries.

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 combined

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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 2407 **if amended** to include all types of Li-ion batteries in end-of-life management strategies, and to include representatives from local governments in the proposed advisory group. 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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