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The Honorable Evan Low, Chair Assembly Committee on Business and Professions Legislative Office Building, Room 379 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Low:

SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 246 (QUIRK AND MATHIS) AS INTRODUCED ON JANUARY 13, 2021 – CONTRACTORS: DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 246 (AB 246), as introduced on January 13, 2021.

AB 246, if enacted, would reorganize the provisions of existing law and add illegal dumping to the list of violations that constitute a cause for disciplinary action against a contractor by the Contractors' State License Board.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation as the bill would help to deter illegal dumping and helps to ensure that waste is properly processed, reducing environmental damage and public health risks. Illegal dumping has significant social, environmental, and economic impacts statewide. California local governments spend tens of millions of dollars annually to remove and clean up illegally dumped materials.

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 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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **Supports** AB 246. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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