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TO: Members, California State Senate

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

SUPPORT – AB 3178 (AS AMENDED ON JUNE 27, 2018) – INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT PLANS: SOURCE REDUCTION AND RECYCLING ELEMENT: DIVERSION REQUIREMENTS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Assembly Bill 3178 (AB 3178), as amended June 27, 2018.

If enacted, AB 3178 would require the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), when evaluating a jurisdiction's good faith effort to meet its diversion requirements, to also consider, until January 1, 2022, whether China's National Sword import policy caused the absence or loss of market for recyclable materials, necessitating the disposal of those materials as a temporary measure to protect public health and safety.

The bill would also require CalRecycle to consider the extent to which the jurisdiction has made efforts to reduce contamination and improve the quality of recycled materials and the extent to which the lack of an available markets, which prevented the jurisdiction from fully implementing its diversion programs, was the result of circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the jurisdiction. AB 3178 seeks to reasonably and on an interim basis address the issue of reduction in recycling markets by providing flexibility to local jurisdictions to meet diversion goals.

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 3178 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 Blanca Rubio