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April 23, 2018

The Honorable Laura Friedman
Assembly Member
Capitol Office, Room 2137
P.O. Box 942849, Sacramento, CA 94249

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

**CONCERNS AND MEETING REQUEST REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 3232
(FRIEDMAN) ZERO-EMISSIONS BUILDINGS AND SOURCES OF HEAT ENERGY –
AMENDED APRIL 18, 2018**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) would like to express concern with Assembly Bill 3232 (AB 3232), as amended April 18, 2018, and respectfully request to meet with you and your staff to discuss the concerns indicated in this letter.

AB 3232 requires the California Energy Commission (CEC) to develop a plan to ensure that all new and existing residential and commercial buildings develop strategies and implement measures to reduce greenhouse gas emission from these buildings by 40 percent below 1990 level by 2030.

The Task Force is concerned that this bill seeks a large-scale transition away from gas to electric. This may significantly undermine efforts by the cities and counties to achieve the 75 percent organic waste disposal reduction mandated Senate Bill 1383 (Lara 2016) while limiting jurisdictions and industry efforts to develop markets for the needed infrastructure (at a cost in excess of \$3 Billion) for generation of renewable energy such as biogas/biomethane/biofuel for use in new and existing residential and commercial buildings. The Task Force is in favor of measures that promote the expansion of renewable gas markets and appreciates an opportunity to meet with Assembly Member Friedman to discuss concerns with this bill.

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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force would appreciate the opportunity to meet with you and/or your staff to discuss the concerns indicated in this letter regarding AB 3232. In the interim, 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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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rosemead

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