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The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

REQUEST FOR VETO – ASSEMBLY BILL 3232 (ENROLLED AUGUST 29, 2018) ZERO-EMISSIONS BUILDINGS AND SOURCES OF HEAT ENERGY

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests that you veto Assembly Bill 3232 (AB 3232). AB 3232 seeks a large-scale transition away from gas to electric, which may significantly undermine efforts by the cities and counties to achieve the 75 percent organic waste disposal reduction mandated by Senate Bill 1383 (Chapter 395 of the State Statutes of 2016). The bill will limit jurisdictions and industry efforts to develop markets for the needed infrastructure (at a cost of more than \$3 Billion) to generate renewable energy such as biogas/biomethane/biofuel for use in new and existing residential and commercial buildings.

In addition, the bill does not recognize the potential benefits of renewable natural gas (RNG), which can be made from a variety of feedstocks including post diverted organic waste and can be considered carbon negative because it captures more greenhouse gases than it emits. The organic wastes contribute to greenhouse gas emissions if disposed in landfills or land applied decomposition; however, these emissions can be eliminated when decomposition is contained in a vessel such as in anaerobic digestion or gasification.

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 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

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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 forgoing, the Task Force opposes AB 3232, and respectfully requests that you veto this legislation. 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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