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The Honorable Jim Beall, Chair
Senate Committee on Transportation and Housing
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Beall:

SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL 332 (BOCANEGRA) VEHICLES: LOCAL REGULATIONS: STREET CLOSURES

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 332 (AB 332), as amended on, April 6, 2017. If enacted, AB 332 would allow local governments to temporarily close a highway, through-street, or alley to remove illegally dumped items.

Annually, approximately 14,000 tons of items (waste) are illegally dumped within the Los Angeles County's unincorporated communities. This is a nuisance problem that is similarly being experienced by most jurisdictions in Los Angeles County as well as other jurisdictions throughout the State. In general, people dump illegally to avoid collection and disposal fees, or because they believe proper disposal is just "too much trouble".

While the Los Angeles County and many other jurisdictions provide resources and options to prevent illegal dumping, it continues to pose a danger to public health and safety, decrease property values, lower the quality of life, and contribute to urban blight. Materials that are illegally dumped create a nesting area for rodents, insects, and other vermin while impacting the proper drainage of runoff, polluting local beaches, and making areas more susceptible to flooding when draining basins become clogged. Thus, allowing local government to temporarily close a highway under its jurisdiction, in coordination with law enforcement, is a practical and positive approach to public safety.

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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB332. 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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