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The Honorable Das Williams Chair
Assembly Natural Resources Committee
State Capitol, Room 2205
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Williams:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 590 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 24, 2015)
GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION FUND**

On behalf of the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force), I am pleased to advise that the Task Force is in **support** of Assembly Bill 590 (AB 590) as introduced on February 24, 2015. This bill, if enacted, would provide funding for the utilization of processes capable of producing renewable fuels and energy from organic waste.

Biomass is a type of organic waste which is a sustainable renewable resource. AB 590 would allocate some of the revenue generated by the State's carbon auctions conducted under the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Program to a Biomass Cost Share Account within the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission. These funds would be used to maintain the current level of biomass power generation in the State and reopen production facilities now standing idle in several areas. Moreover, AB 590 would complement recently passed organic waste diversion laws by helping maintain and facilitate new biomass facilities which will divert biomass from landfills.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [AB 939], as amended), 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,

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

For the above reasons, the Task Force **supports** AB 590. Should you have any questions regarding this-matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/
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