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March 10, 2021

The Honorable Laura Friedman, Chair Assembly Committee on Transportation Legislative Office Building 1020 N Street, Room 112 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

## SUPPORT – ASSEMBLY BILL 96 (O'DONNELL) AS INTRODUCED DECEMBER 7, 2020 – CALIFORNIA CLEAN TRUCK, BUS, AND OFF-ROAD VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **Supports** Assembly Bill 96 (AB 96), as introduced December 7, 2020.

This bill would extend the requirement that 20 percent of funding annually allocated by the Legislature for the California Clean Truck, Bus, and Off-Road Vehicle and Equipment Technology Program be made available to support early commercial deployment of existing zero- and near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology until December 31, 2026. The bill would further require at least 20 percent of that funding support early commercial deployment of existing near-zero-emission heavy-duty truck technology. The bill would create a separate definition for "near-zero-emission" and revise the definition for "zero-emission."

The Task Force is in support of such a measure because near-zero emission heavy duty trucks are a primary strategy for reducing vehicle emissions from waste hauling fleets. Incentives that support near-zero emission technologies are an important step in reducing greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector and support waste haulers in transitioning their fleets from diesel to near-zero emissions vehicles.

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 the County of Los Angeles and the 88 cities in Los Angeles County with a combined population in excess of ten million. Consistent with

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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** AB 96. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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