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The Honorable Benjamin Allen, Chair  
Senate Committee on Environmental Quality  
State Capitol, Room 2205  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Allen:

**SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 1086 (AGUIAR-CURRY) AS AMENDED ON APRIL 5, 2021 – ORGANIC WASTE: IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1086 (AB 1086), as amended on April 5, 2021, **if it is further amended** to include the recommendations in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would require the Natural Resources Agency, in coordination with specified state agencies, and in consultation with stakeholders and relevant permitting agencies, to prepare and submit to the Legislature, by January 1, 2023, a report that provides an implementation strategy to achieve the state's organic waste, and related climate change and air quality, mandates, goals, and targets.

AB 1086 would authorize the Natural Resources Agency to, by July 1, 2022, contract with outside entities, including the California Council on Science and Technology and the University of California, to prepare the report. The bill would require the implementation strategy to include, among other things, recommendations on policy and funding support for the beneficial reuse of organic waste.

The Task Force recommends amending the bill to specifically include local governments as stakeholders to consult with in preparing the scoping plan and any other relevant documents or plans. Local governments are primary implementers of organic waste diversion and ought to be consulted and have input on each aspect of an organic waste implementation plan.

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

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

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **Supports** AB 1086 **if amended** to include the recommendation in this letter. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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