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The Honorable Jim Wood, Chair
Assembly Health Committee
1020 N Street, Suite 390
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Dear Assembly Member Wood:

SUPPORT IF AMENDED – ASSEMBLY BILL 1690 (LUZ RIVAS, PETRIE-NORRIS, AND STONE) AS AMENDED ON MARCH 1, 2022 – TOBACCO AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS: SINGLE-USE COMPONENTS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Assembly Bill 1690 (AB 1960), as introduced on January 24, 2022, **if it is further amended** to include the recommendation in this letter.

The proposed legislation, if enacted, would transition the sale of single-use cigarette and cigar, and all-in-one disposable vapes, including single-use integrated cannabis vaporizers to rechargeable and reusable smoking products. Additionally, violations of the sales ban can result in civil penalties of \$500 per violation and are enforced by local prosecutorial authorities such as county or city attorneys.

The bill attempts to address the pervasive impacts that these single-use products have on our health and environment. Additionally, it would assist jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce quantities of cigarette butts littered into local waterways. The Task Force recommends amending the bill to give enforcement authority to local jurisdictions rather than specifically to prosecutorial authorities so that each jurisdiction can decide which agency they will use to enforce the law. This will allow jurisdictions more flexibility to enforce the law and make it more likely to be effectively enforced.

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 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.

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Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 1690 **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 or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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