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The Honorable Gloria Negrete McLeod, Chair Senate Business, Profession and Economic Development Committee State Capitol, Room 2053 Sacramento, CA 94249-0039

Dear Senator McLeod,

ASSEMBLY BILL 2529 (AMENDED MAY 28, 2010) STATE AGENCY ECONOMIC IMPACT ANALYSIS

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports if amended** Assembly Bill 2529 (AB 2529) authored by Assembly Member Felipe Fuentes. The proposed legislation would require the State Air Resources Board, Energy Commission, Department of Fish and Game, and the Department of Housing and Community Development to complete a related economic impacts analysis, as defined, for any proposed regulation that will have an adverse economic impact on California business enterprises and individuals in an amount exceeding \$10,000,000. The Task Force requests that the list of the state agencies to be expanded to include the Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle).

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

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The Task Force supports legislation that requires comprehensive economic assessment of imposed regulations. Including CalRecycle to the list of State agencies required to complete a related economic impact analysis would bring attention to the economic impacts associated with solid waste disposal and management. For example, the current efforts to increase the waste diversion mandates of AB 939 above 50 percent and the regulations being developed by CalRecycle for mandatory commercial recycling would have significant economic impacts on nearly all business entities, individuals, and local jurisdictions. We feel it prudent to include CalRecycle as a responsible State agency in assessing the economic impact of proposed regulations given the far reaching affects of the regulations they promulgate.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** AB 2529, **if amended**, to include CalRecycle in the list of State agencies required to complete a related economic impact analysis. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

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