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The Honorable Kevin De Leon, Chair Senate Appropriations Committee State Capitol, Room 2206 Sacramento CA, 95814

Dear Senator De Leon:

ASSEMBLY BILL 2675 (INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 21, 2014) STATE AGENCY: PUBLIC CONTRACTS SUPPORT

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Assembly Bill 2675 (AB 2675). The bill would increase the minimum required percentage of recycled products that State agencies must purchase for products identified under the State Agency Buy Recycled Campaign (SABRC).

Since the SABRC program was established in 1989, State agencies have purchased more than \$1 billion in program compliant post-consumer recycled content products. The State's considerable purchasing power has helped spur the recycled product market which saves natural resources, diverts solid waste from landfills, and assists the State in meeting its greenhouse gas reduction goals established pursuant to AB 32 (Nunez, 2006). An increase in the minimum threshold would provide added benefits to these commendable efforts.

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

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Therefore, for the reasons stated, the Task Force **supports AB 2675**. 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,

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair

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Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force and

Mayor Pro Tem, City of Rosemead

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cc: Assembly Member Bonnie Lowenthal

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