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August 13, 2020

Mr. Chris Coyle, General Manager Sunshine Canyon Landfill Republic Services, Inc. 14747 San Fernando Road Sylmar, CA 91342-1021

Dear Mr. Coyle:

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON SOIL IMPORTATION AT SUNSHINE CANYON CITY/COUNTY LANDFILL

On July 16, 2020, the Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Solid Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) was made aware of Republic Services' (Republic) soil importation request to Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) on May 28, 2020. The request calls for the importation of 13 million cubic yards of soil to Sunshine Canyon Landfill (Landfill) at a rate not to exceed 10,000 tons per day, which is in addition to the solid waste materials that the Landfill is permitted to receive on a daily basis. The Task Force also has become aware that Republic has begun importing soil at a rate of approximately 1,500 tons per day to the Landfill beginning April 2020.

With the objective of protecting the health and safety of the surrounding community, the Task Force respectfully requests a written response from Republic providing the following information regarding current and proposed soil importation activities:

- Confirm whether Republic received prior approval from required regulatory agencies for the importation of 1,500 tons per day of soil to the Landfill (beginning April 2020), and the status of soil importation activities, such as the total amount of soil imported to date;
- Confirm if the soil importation is currently ongoing or has the activity ceased while Republic securing approval from the regulatory agencies;

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- Provide information on potential environmental impact relating to the soil received since April 2020 and the current soil importation request, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - Designated use of the soil and the stockpile locations which may impact various site conditions;
 - Potential environmental impacts of using unknown sources and quality of imported soil at the Landfill;
 - Potential traffic impacts and mitigation measures based on the rate of soil being imported;
 - Potential for fugitive dust and mitigation measures to minimize impact to the adjacent communities; and
 - Potential odor impacts to the community due to changes in wind direction caused by topographical features affected by the soil stockpiling location.

The Task Force respectfully requests a written response within 30 days of the date of this letter. Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

Margaret Clark

Margaret Clark, Vice-Chair Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force and Mayor, City of Rosemead

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