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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair
Assembly Committee on Appropriations
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez-Fletcher:

SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 1335 (ALLEN) AS AMENDED ON JULY 2, 2018 – SOLID WASTE: FOOD SERVICE PACKAGING: STATE AGENCIES, FACILITIES, AND PROPERTY

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 1335 (SB 1335), as amended July 2, 2018. If passed, SB 1335 would enact the Sustainable Packaging for the State of California Act of 2018.

SB 1335 would prohibit a food service facility located in a state-owned facility, acting as a concessionaire on state property or under contract to provide food service to a state agency, from dispensing prepared food using a type of food service packaging unless the type of food service packaging is on a list that this bill would require CalRecycle to publish and maintain on its internet website, that contains types of approved food service packaging that are reusable, recyclable, or compostable. The bill would require CalRecycle to regularly, but no less than once every five years, evaluate the list of approved types of food service packaging and would authorize CalRecycle to add or remove types of food service packaging to or from the list based on whether the packaging is, among other factors, recyclable or compostable. The proposed law would be in effect January 1, 2021.

The measure can positively influence the expansion of processing infrastructure for recyclable and compostable materials. By requiring food service packaging that is recyclable or compostable, SB 1335 provides state government the opportunity to expand environmentally preferable procurement and fully embrace its capacity as a consumer of products and services, and as a regulatory entity to provide incentives for waste processors to expand recycling and composting operations.

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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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** SB 1335. 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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