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## \*\*\* FLOOR ALERT \*\*\*

- TO: California State Assembly Members
- FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/ Integrated Waste Management Task Force

## SUPPORT – SB 457 (AS AMENDED ON JUNE 18, 2019) – BIOMETHANE: GAS CORPORATIONS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 457 (SB 457), as amended on June 18, 2019. If enacted, the proposed legislation would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to extend a 5-year monetary incentive program for the in-state production and distribution of biomethane from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2026, or until all available program funds are expended, whichever occurs first.

The Task Force strongly supports the proposed legislation because the PUC has already allocated the \$44 million for subsidizing biomethane interconnection and this bill would extend access to this important funding for getting renewable natural gas from solid waste to market.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS SB 457 and requests your AYE vote on the bill**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at <u>MikeMohajer@yahoo.com</u> or at (909) 592-1147.

cc: Senator Member Ben Hueso