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The Honorable Luz M. Rivas, Chair  
Assembly Committee on Natural Resources  
1020 N Street, Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Rivas:

**SUPPORT – SENATE BILL 54 (ALLEN, STERN, AND WIENER) AS AMENDED ON FEBRUARY 25, 2021 – PLASTIC POLLUTION PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ACT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is pleased to **support** Senate Bill 54 (SB 54), as amended on February 25, 2021.

If enacted, the proposed legislation would prohibit producers of single-use, disposable packaging or single-use, disposal food service ware products from offering for sale, selling, distributing, or importing in or into the state those packaging products unless they are recyclable or compostable. This bill applies a prohibition to packaging or products that are manufactured on or after January 1, 2032.

The Task Force is in support of this measure as it would further prohibit the sale, distribution or importing of non-recyclable and non-compostable plastic packaging and plastic food ware which impacts public health, the natural environment, and city and county budgets. The bill intends to set waste-reduction and recycling goals and establish a framework for packaging producers to keep the most problematic disposable plastic items out of our environment.

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

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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 54 as amended on February 25, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at [MikeMohajer@yahoo.com](mailto:MikeMohajer@yahoo.com) or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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