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August 31, 2005

The Honorable Cindy Montañez
The State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3013
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Montañez:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 399 (AMENDED JULY 14, 2005)
RECYCLING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **continues to oppose unless amended** Assembly Bill 399 (AB 399), related to Multi-Residential Recycling Programs.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (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 its 88 cities in Los Angeles County. Consistent with these responsibilities, and to ensure a coordinated and cost-effective 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.

AB 399 would require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) by March 1, 2007, to make available one or more model ordinances and model notification documents that may be adopted by a local agency to facilitate solid waste reduction, reuse, and recycling programs at multi-family dwellings. The bill would require a local agency, when issuing a building permit for a new construction or a substantial rehabilitation to an owner of a multi-family dwelling, after July 1, 2007, to provide specified information to the owner on programs that can be implemented to reduce, reuse, and recycle solid waste materials generated at the multi-family dwelling. The Task Force applauds your efforts to enhance recycling activities at multi-family dwellings in California. We would also like to

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express our appreciation for your consideration and incorporation of language that addressed Task Force concerns in the June 20 version of the Bill. However, when the Bill was subsequently amended, additional language was added under Section 5 to encourage local governments to adopt the model ordinance. Our past experience has shown that the CIWMB may penalize jurisdictions for failing to adopt such an ordinance, and the current Bill does not prohibit the CIWMB from doing so or adequately account for the potential impacts of this provision of the Bill.

Therefore, the Task Force **continues to oppose unless amended** AB 399. Language under Section 5 should be revised or eliminated to prevent the potential penalization of jurisdictions failing to meet the requirements of the Bill. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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