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The Honorable Joseph Simitian
State Capitol, Room 4062
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Simitian:

**SENATE BILL 369 (AMENDED JANUARY 19, 2006)
RUBBERIZED ASPHALT CONCRETE**

The Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **supports** Senate Bill 369 (SB 369)-Solid Waste: tire recycling.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 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.

Currently, State law authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board to award grants to local governments to fund public works projects that use rubberized asphalt concrete. Not only does rubberized asphalt concrete divert 2.6 million tires from landfills per year (based on most recent estimates), it's proven to be an economically and technically superior product in comparison to standard asphalt in many design situations. However, this important and popular program is scheduled to sunset June 30, 2006.

SB 369, if enacted, would extend the sunset date to January 1, 2011. As an entity with a long established record in supporting legislation that promotes the development of markets for recycled materials, the Task Force applauds your effort to extend this valuable grant program so local governments can continue to utilize their waste tires for higher, better,

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and more environmental friendly purposes. Preferably, we urge the Legislature to eliminate the sunset altogether, since years of operation have shown this program to be both successful and cost-effective.

Therefore, the Task Force **supports** SB 369. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,

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