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TO: All City Mayors in Los Angeles County

Dear Mayor:

**URGENT REQUEST FOR LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR SENATE BILL 804 –
SOLID WASTE: ENERGY**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) is writing to request your support for the passage of Senate Bill 804 (SB 804) as amended on September 11, 2013. We urge you to send a letter of support to the Governor requesting his signature on this important legislation. We have appended a sample letter for your convenience.

This bill would revise the definition of “biomass conversion” to include conversion technologies capable of converting biomass (a defined set of source separated compostable organic solid waste) into marketable products and fuels through non-combustion thermal, chemical, or biological processes.

The Task Force has long been a strong supporter of the development of Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) conversion technologies in California as a way to reduce dependence on landfills, generate energy, and produce fuels. The inclusion of conversion technologies in the definition of “biomass conversion” would allow jurisdictions increased flexibility to manage their biomass waste materials. Without more options, biomass waste may need to be transported to facilities hundreds of miles away, which are both economically and environmentally costly.

For the reasons mentioned, the Task Force supports SB 804 and urges you to send a support letter to the Governor to help take a small step closer to reducing dependence on landfilling. The Governor has until October 13, 2013, to sign or veto the bill, so we implore you to send the attached letter as soon as possible.

Pursuant to Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code and the California Integrated Waste Management Act of 1989 (Assembly Bill 939 [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 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, cost-effective, and environmentally sound

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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.

Should you have any questions regarding the subject matter, please contact Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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cc: Each Member of the City Council, City Manager, and City Clerk in the County of Los Angeles
Each Member of the Los Angeles County Integrated Waste Management Task Force