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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

**ASSEMBLY BILL 2449 (ENROLLED SEPTEMBER 14, 2006)
PLASTIC BAG RECYCLING**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests that **you veto** Assembly Bill 2449 (AB 2449). If enacted, this Bill would preempt local governments ability to adopt, implement, or enforce an ordinance, resolution, regulation, or rule that requires a store to collect, transport, or recycle plastic carryout bags or conduct additional auditing or reporting, or imposing a plastic carryout bag fee upon a store.

The Task Force strongly supports efforts to increase plastic bag recycling and reduce usage of plastic carryout bags and as such we previously supported the August 7, 2006, version of AB 2449. Unfortunately, the Bill was amended on August 28, 2006, to usurp local control on this issue. At a time when local governments need more progressive tools to comply with the State's 50 percent waste diversion mandate, enactment of this Bill would instead roll back available options to local governments.

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 with a combined population in excess of 10 million. 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.

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For the above reasons, the Task Force respectfully requests you **veto AB 2449**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer of the Task Force at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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