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September 11, 2020

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol Building, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Newsom:

**REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE – ASSEMBLY BILL 3163 (ENROLLED ON AUGUST 31, 2020) – ENERGY: BIOMETHANE: PROCUREMENT**

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) respectfully requests your signature on Assembly Bill 3163 (AB 3163).

AB 3163 would revise the definition of “biomethane” for the Public Utility Commission’s procurement targets and goals for each gas corporation, as methane produced from an organic waste feedstock, rather than biogas, that meets those specified standards, and is either produced from the anaerobic decomposition of organic material, or produced from the non-combustion thermal conversion of specified materials. Organic waste feedstock is further expanded to include both livestock waste, and sewage sludge or biosolids.

The Task Force supports the proposed legislation because the bill furthers the Task Force’s position that additional forms of non-combustion thermal conversion processes ought to be eligible for much needed biomethane procurement, allowing for more efficient production of biomethane from waste materials and increased Short-Lived Climate Pollutants (SCLP) emission reductions. The proposal would also help local jurisdictions in their efforts to divert more organic waste from landfills consistent with state’s organic waste reduction goal of 75 percent by 2025.

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

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sound 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.

Based on the foregoing, the Task Force **supports** AB 3163 and respectfully requests your signature on this legislation. 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 at (909) 592-1147.

Sincerely,



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