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TO: California State Senate Members

FROM: Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/

Integrated Waste Management Task Force

SUPPORT – SB 424 (AS AMENDED ON MAY 17, 2019) – TOBACCO PRODUCTS: SINGLE-USE AND MULTIUSE COMPONENTS

The Los Angeles County Solid Waste Management Committee/Integrated Waste Management Task Force (Task Force) **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 424 (SB 424), Tobacco Products: Single-Use and Multiuse Components, as amended on May 17, 2019.

SB 424 would prohibit a person or entity from selling, giving, or furnishing to another person of any age in this state a cigarette utilizing a single-use filter made of any material, an attachable and single-use plastic device meant to facilitate manual manipulation or filtration of a tobacco product, and a single-use electronic cigarette or vaporizer device. The bill would prohibit that selling, giving, or furnishing, whether conducted directly or indirectly through an in-person transaction, or by means of any public or private method of shipment or delivery to an address in this state. This bill would require the manufacturer of a tobacco product to use materials eligible for recycling under state or local recycling programs, including electronic waste recycling programs, in existence as of January 1, 2020, to make any reusable component of the tobacco product, or alternatively, if certain conditions are met, to collect reusable components that are not eligible for recycling through a take-back or mail-back program.

The Task Force strongly supports the proposed legislation because cigarette butts are the number one type of litter found in public clean-ups. Municipalities spend millions on the clean-up of tobacco product waste, and increasingly, millions more when waterways are rendered out of compliance with water quality laws because of tobacco waste pollution.

As provided by AB 939 (1989) and Chapter 3.67 of the Los Angeles County Code, the Task Force is responsible for coordinating the development of major solid waste planning documents for Los Angeles County and the 88 cities in the County with a population of over ten million. The Task Force addresses issues impacting the solid waste management system on a countywide basis.

Based on the foregoing, the **Task Force SUPPORTS SB 424 and requests your AYE vote on the bill**. If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Mike Mohajer, a member of the Task Force, at MikeMohajer@yahoo.com or at (909) 592-1147.

cc: Senator Jackson