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Governor Gavin Newsom
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT: AB 1985 – Organic waste: recovered organic waste product procurement targets.

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Laguna Niguel is pleased to offer its support for Assembly Bill 1985 by Assembly Member Rivas. AB 1985 would assist local governments in implementing the state's organic waste diversion targets, allowing time for markets to develop organic waste products. In a critical effort to reduce methane and other short-lived climate pollutant emissions, California set organic waste diversion targets of 50% by 2020 and 75% by 2025 (SB 1383, Lara, 2016). To drive infrastructure investment and create demand for organic waste products, the SB 1383 regulations required cities and counties by January 1, 2022, to procure a specific quantity of organic waste products based on their population.

As jurisdictions ramp up their organic waste collection programs, many cities and counties are struggling to meet their procurement targets due to a limited amount of organic waste infrastructure across the state. AB 1985 would provide the necessary statutory changes to assist cities in achieving their procurement targets by phasing in the requirements while markets and infrastructure continue to develop.

For these reasons, the City of Laguna Niguel supports AB 1985 and urges you to sign this bill into law. Should you have any questions about our position, please contact Kevin O'Connor, Management Assistant, at koconnor@cityoflagunaniguel.org.

Sincerely,

Elaine Gennawey
Mayor