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The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 341 (Chesbro) – REQUEST FOR VETO

Dear Governor Brown:

The County of San Bernardino respectfully requests that you veto AB 341. This legislation would require businesses, defined to include commercial or public entities, which generate more than four cubic yards per week of solid waste or a multifamily residential dwelling of five units or more to arrange for recycling services on or after July 1, 2012. This bill would also require jurisdictions to develop and implement a mandatory commercial solid waste recycling program.

Provisions of AB 341 regarding mandatory commercial recycling are duplicative of actions already undertaken by State agencies. Under the authority of Assembly Bill 32 and the Scoping Plan, CAL Recycle and the California Air Resources Board are currently in the process of developing mandatory commercial recycling regulations through an open process of workshops and hearings that rely upon stakeholder input and participation.

This bill, which is duplicative of ongoing regulatory processes, unfairly singles out businesses and rental property owners, requiring them to comply with rigid recycling standards. It also will most likely impose additional mandates on local governments.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully request that you veto AB 341. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Director of Legislative Affairs, at (909) 387-4280.

Sincerely,

JOSIE GONZALES, CHAIR
Board of Supervisors