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July 20, 2021

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The Honorable John Laird  
California State Senate, District 17  
State Capitol Building, Room 4040  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 619 (LAIRD): SUPPORT

Dear Senator Laird:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Senate Bill 619, relating to organic waste reduction regulations. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure at the regular meeting on July 13, 2021.

Senate Bill 619 offers the City additional time to implement recently adopted regulations established by Senate Bill 1383 (Chapter 395, Statutes of 2016). This includes finalizing residential and commercial solid waste franchise agreements, establishing a local mulch and compost procurement and distribution process, securing necessary funding for the implementation of the regulations, and developing a local food recovery program.

Additionally, the timelines contemplated in Senate Bill 1383 and the recently adopted CalRecycle regulations do not take into account the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shift of City staff responsibilities and resources to protect public health and safety. Senate Bill 619 establishes much needed flexibility and time in allowing local governments to properly implement the recently adopted regulations.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 619. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position



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on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst  
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Sincerely,



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Mayor

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