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December 2, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012-2756

Dear Supervisors:

**RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE ELECTRONIC WASTE
RECOVERY AND RECYCLING PAYMENT SYSTEM
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Adopt the enclosed Resolution authorizing the County of Los Angeles to participate in the State's Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System and delegating authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to submit applications to the State to approve this participation and to conduct business with the State on matters relating to this participation including executing all necessary documents to secure payment funds from the State. There will be no impact to the County's General Fund.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Pursuant to your Board's recommendation in 1986 and subsequent followup actions by your Board, the County established the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste Management Program in 1988. The Program is administered by Public Works and its objective is to keep residential household hazardous waste (e.g., paint, solvents, chemicals, etc.) from being disposed at municipal solid waste landfills. The Program provides a free and convenient means for residents to manage their household hazardous waste by conducting weekly collection events throughout the County. In late

2002, the Program was expanded to include the collection of electronic waste (e.g., televisions, computers, cell phones, etc.).

Each year, approximately 72 collection events are conducted through the Program, of which 20 are conducted in partnership with the City of Los Angeles. Moreover, beginning in spring 2005, the County and Waste Management, Inc., will be jointly operating a permanent household hazardous waste facility in Palmdale. The facility is expected to be open at least twice a month for residents to drop off their household hazardous waste. In addition, during one Saturday every three months, the facility will accept electronic waste. The Program is funded by a fee imposed on each ton of solid waste disposed in the County of Los Angeles.

With the implementation of the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 (Statutes of 2003, Chapter 526 [Senate Bill 20] and Statutes of 2004, Chapter 863 [Senate Bill 50]), collectors and recyclers of "covered electronic waste" may receive State funding for electronic waste collection and recycling activities, respectively, provided they are approved collectors or recyclers as determined by the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board). (Covered electronic waste includes cathode ray tubes used in televisions and computer monitors, liquid crystal display monitors, laptop computers containing liquid display screens, and any other video display devices specified by the California Department of Toxic Substances Control.) In order to be eligible for State funding to offset the costs associated with collecting the covered electronic waste via the Countywide Program, the County must apply to the Waste Board to become an approved collector, as well as secure approval from the State to participate in the Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System.

The enclosed Resolution would authorize the Director of Public Works to apply to become an "approved collector" and secure approval to participate in the Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System in order to receive reimbursement funds from the California Integrated Waste Management Board for all covered electronic waste collection related activities.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility by providing more revenue to the County which in turn will help offset the County's costs in collecting covered electronic waste through the Countywide Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Management Program. It also satisfies the Goal of Service Excellence by continuing to provide a convenient mechanism for residents to drop off their covered electronic waste. This action would also protect the environment and the

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health and safety of residents as well as improve the quality of life for all residents Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact on the County's General Fund. Adopting the Resolution would help offset the County's costs in collecting covered electronic waste through the Countywide Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Management Program. The projected savings would be approximately \$300,000 per calendar year in the Solid Waste Management Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The enclosed Resolution has been approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no negative impact to current County services or projects as a result of this action.

CONCLUSION

Please return three approved copies of this letter and one fully executed copy of the Resolution to Public Works, Environmental Programs Division.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD L. WOLFE
Interim Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
Executive Office
County Counsel (Judith Fries)

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE
STATE OF CALIFORNIA COVERED ELECTRONIC WASTE RECOVERY
AND RECYCLING PAYMENT SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the State of California has enacted the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 (Act) to manage electronic waste; and

WHEREAS, the Act authorizes the California Integrated Waste Management Board (Waste Board) to administer a covered electronic waste recovery and recycling payment system to establish and enhance an infrastructure for the proper management of electronic wastes collected by local governments, nonprofit organizations, and private entities; and

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles has established a Countywide Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Management Program to provide a free and convenient means for residents to manage their household hazardous wastes and electronic wastes; and

WHEREAS, participation in the covered electronic waste recovery and recycling payment system will offset a portion of the County's costs in collecting covered electronic wastes, as defined, through the Countywide Household Hazardous/Electronic Waste Management Program; and

WHEREAS, an entity intending to participate in the covered electronic waste recovery and recycling payment system must secure approval from the Waste Board prior to handling materials for which payment will be sought;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the County of Los Angeles to participate in the State of California Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System, and delegates authority to the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to conduct business with the State on matters relating to this participation, including executing and submitting all necessary documents, such as applications, agreements, and payment requests, to secure payment funds from the State and to implement and carry out the purposes specified in the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 and the Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System.

The foregoing resolution was on the _____ day of _____ 2004, adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessments and taxing districts, agencies, and authorities for which said Board acts.

VIOLET VARONA-LUKENS
Executive Officer-Clerk of the
Board of Supervisors of the
County of Los Angeles

By _____
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APPROVED AS TO FORM:

RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR.
County Counsel

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December 9, 2004

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Donald L. Wolfe
Interim Director of Public Works

BOARD AGENDA ITEM NO. 78, DECEMBER 14, 2004 RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECOVERY AND RECYCLING PAYMENT SYSTEM

Board Agenda Item No. 78 is a request to adopt a resolution authorizing the Interim Director of Public Works to participate in the State's Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System in order to receive reimbursement funds for all covered electronic waste (e.g., computer monitors, laptops, and televisions) collected through the Countywide Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste Collection Program.

The program keeps residential household hazardous waste (e.g., paint, solvents, chemicals, etc.) and electronic waste (e.g., computer monitors, laptops, televisions, cell phones, radios, etc.) from being disposed at municipal solid waste landfills. The program provides a free and convenient means for residents to manage their household hazardous waste through weekly collection events conducted throughout the County.

In 2003, the State enacted the Electronic Waste Recycling Act (Senate Bill 20 [Chapter 526]), which imposes a \$6 to \$10 fee on each Covered Electronic Waste, as defined, sold in the State. In 2004, the State enacted Senate Bill 50 (Chapter 863) to clarify various provisions of Senate Bill 20 including establishing a commencement date for imposing the fee (January 1, 2005) and establishing the Statewide Covered Electronic Waste Recovery and Recycling Payment System which prescribes how the collected fees will be distributed. The revenue collected from this fee would, among other things, be used to help offset local government costs in collecting/managing Covered Electronic Wastes.

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By authorizing Public Works, as the administrator of the program, to participate in the payment system, additional revenues would be secured to help offset costs associated with collecting Covered Electronic Waste through the Program. The projected savings would be approximately \$300,000 per calendar year and all cost savings will be utilized towards further enhancement of the Program.

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
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