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Reply to: Alice Fredericks
Chair, Legislative Committee
MCCMC Tiburon Town Hall
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August 23, 2019

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 54 (Allen) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act
Notice of SUPPORT (*As Amended 8/14/19*)

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) is pleased to **Support** SB 54 (Allen). This bill directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations before January 1, 2024 that require specified producers to collectively achieve a statewide 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030. SB 54 also requires all of these single-use plastic products be recyclable or compostable.

SB 54 requires producers to source reduce these single-use plastics through a combination of source reduction, recycling, or composting by 2030. To achieve this, CalRecycle's regulations will require producers to ensure these plastic products are recyclable or compostable. This will both reduce the plastic pollution in our waterways and oceans and prevent materials, which are often landfilled, from entering the waste stream. SB 54 also requires CalRecycle to finalize a scoping plan that will include extensive outreach with stakeholders, including local governments. This will give local governments a voice in the creation of the forthcoming regulations to address potential implementation challenges.

Additionally, the plan includes developing incentives and policies to maximize and encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California. Developing these incentives will address the lack of recycling markets in California. Cities have dedicated significant time and resources to develop and implement their recycling programs and want to ensure local recycling programs continue to be successful. SB 54 will help local governments recycle more materials, throw less waste into landfills, and advance towards meeting statewide solid waste and recycling goals.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alice Fredericks".

Alice Fredericks, Chair
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