

ITEM 3A

STATE ADVOCACY LETTERS

- **SB804 (Lara)** – Biomass Conversion Technology
- **AB1042 (Hall)** – Special Distribution Fund: Local Agencies
- **SB510 (Jackson)** – Land Use: Subdivision: Mobile Home Park Conversions

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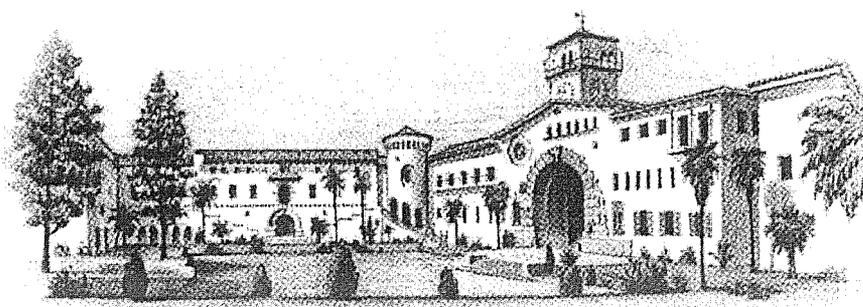
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September 16, 2013

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 804 (Lara) – Biomass Conversion Technology
Request for Signature**

Dear Governor Brown:

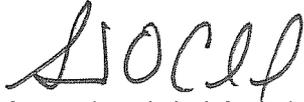
On behalf of the County of Santa Barbara, I write to respectfully request your signature on SB 804, by Senator Ricardo Lara. This bill would help to facilitate the development of cleaner and more efficient technologies in California for converting biomass materials into renewable energy.

- SB 804 provides an alternative to landfills for biomass material –organic waste – through the use of non-combustion conversion technologies.
- SB 804 would include conversion technology in the biomass definition, providing the same incentives currently available to combustion facilities, while allowing for cleaner and more efficient processes to be used when processing biomass material.
- This bill allows conversion technology facilities to use *only* post-recycled biomass materials, such as wood, lawn and garden clippings, agricultural waste, leaves, tree pruning as well as non-recyclable paper--when separated from other solid waste.
- SB 804 ensures high environmental standards, strong local enforcement and clarifies existing statewide oversight for conversion technologies while also clarifying that this bill does *not* apply to biomass combustion or composting facilities.
- SB 804 provides local governments with additional tools to manage biomass.
- SB 804 also provides potential new jobs for the State of California.

We strongly believe that this bill will help California achieve its renewable energy, waste diversion, and climate change goals. It is for these reasons that we respectfully request your

signature on SB 804. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact me at (805) 568-2186.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Socel", written in a cursive style.

Supervisor Salud Carbajal
Chair of the Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Ricardo Lara, 33rd Senate District
Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19th Senate District
Assembly Member Das Williams, 37th Assembly District
Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian, 35th Assembly District
Members of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors
Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates

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September 17, 2013

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Re: AB1042 (Hall) – Special Distribution Fund: Local Agencies As Amended on 8/12/2013-SUPPORT

Dear Governor Brown,

During the closing days of this year's legislative session, both houses of the California Legislature unanimously approved Assembly Bill (AB) 1042 (Hall). AB 1042 did not receive a single "no" vote during any of the committee or floor votes held on this bill during this session. I'd like to request one more affirmation of this vital piece of legislation – your signature. Santa Barbara County believes that the Special Distribution Fund is an essential tool in funding the mitigation of the impacts felt by local communities as a result of tribal gaming.

The 2013 Santa Barbara County Legislative Platform, unanimously adopted by the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors, supports the full funding of the annual Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund. AB 1042 appropriates a vitally needed \$13 million. It is an important step in the direction of full funding of the program. It has been estimated that \$18 million would be necessary to bring the County's proportional share back to its normal level of funding.

On behalf of my colleagues on the Board of Supervisors, I ask for your support and signature on Assembly Bill 1042. Your support will be a key acknowledgement of the impacts associated with tribal gaming and the limited sources of funds to mitigate the effects felt by neighboring local governments, public safety agencies, transportation planners and, most importantly, nearby residents.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Dennis Bozanich, our Legislative Coordinator at dbozanich@co.santa-barbara.ca.us or 805-568-3107.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal, Chair

cc: Members, Senate Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Isadore Hall, California State Assembly
The Honorable Das Williams-37th Assembly District
The Honorable Katcho Achadjian-35th Assembly District
Monica Miller, Legislative Advocate
Cliff Berg, Legislative Advocate
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Re: SB 510 (Jackson) – Land Use: Subdivision: Mobile Home Park Conversions Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

The County of Santa Barbara's 2013 Legislative Platform calls for the preservation of mobile homes and affordable housing. In keeping with this direction, the County of Santa Barbara respectfully requests your signature on SB 510 by Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson. This measure will allow for full disclosure when a mobile home park owner decides to subdivide the park and offer parcels for sale. Under current law, the park owner does not have to consult with the residents, and most often, residents are unable to stay in their homes and are not able to sell them due to the uncertainty.

Mobile home parks are an important component of Santa Barbara County's stock of affordable housing. Many mobile home residents rely upon the County to protect the affordability of their homes through the use of a zoning ordinance. SB 510 seeks to clarify that a local government, when considering an application to convert a mobile home park to resident ownership, is required to consider the results of the survey to residents about their support for the conversion in making its decision to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the map, and allows the local government to disapprove the map if it finds that the results of the survey have not demonstrated adequate resident support.

For these reasons, the County of Santa Barbara respectfully requests your signature on SB 510. Should you have any questions about our position, please feel free to contact Dennis Bozanich, our Legislative Coordinator at dbozanich@co.santa-barbara.ca.us or 805-568-3107.

Sincerely,

Salud Carbajal, Chair

cc: The Honorable Hannah-Beth Jackson, California State Senate
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