

Tri-Valley Cities

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July 6, 2021

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

**Re: Senate Bill 619 (Laird) Organic waste: reduction regulations
Letter of Support from the Tri-Valley Cities**

Dear Senator Laird,

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Cities coalition which includes the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville, we write to express my support for Senate Bill 619, your measure which would prohibit CalRecycle from imposing penalties against local jurisdictions that have not met the organic waste recycling requirements pursuant to SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) before January 1, 2023, unless the jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort to comply.

As you know, SB 1383 established methane emissions reduction targets to reduce emissions of SLCPs in various sectors and place several requirements upon local jurisdictions. However, with a late adoption on top of an already difficult timeline to adopt the full set of local requirements, we share the concerns of many other municipalities on the ability to do so expeditiously. Additionally, local governments across California face severe budget shortfalls in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We appreciate that SB 619 supports continued efforts by local jurisdictions such as ours to achieve statewide organic waste recycling targets and climate goals while providing the support needed by all local governments in their ongoing endeavors to design and implement thoughtful and successful organic waste recycling program.

We appreciate your work on this important policy topic and are pleased to support Senate Bill 619.

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Danville



Melissa Hernandez
Mayor of Dublin



Bob Woerner
Mayor of Livermore



Karla Brown
Mayor of Pleasanton



Dave Hudson
Mayor of San Ramon

