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Dear Councilmember Wesson,

The Coalition for Clean Air is encouraged that the City of Los Angeles is considering improvements to its system of refuse services for the multifamily and commercial sectors. Improved waste management is important to air quality—we urge you to support the exclusive franchise system proposal that has been championed by leading environmental organizations such as the Coalition for Clean Air, Natural Resources Defense Council, Pacoima Beautiful and Communities for a Better Environment.

We support the exclusive franchise system because of the improvements it will secure in three key areas:

I) Ensure Clean Trucks

Cleaner truck technology is available and proven, as the City well knows given its fleet of natural gas refuse trucks used in the residential sector. CCA wholeheartedly supports SCAQMD Rule 1193, which requires clean refuse trucks, and we urge the City to establish a system to which Rule 1193 applies. Rule 1193 would provide detailed, widely accepted technical guidelines for the refuse fleet. Recent updates to the rule were adopted after thorough and lengthy discussion among industry and environmental stakeholders.

Application of Rule 1193 would provide consistency for haulers who participate in other regulated areas of the region and would ensure that future technical advances are reflected when practical—without additional demand on City resources.

The surest way for Rule 1193 to apply to the City's multifamily and commercial sectors while still relying on private haulers is to move toward an exclusive system, where the City is limiting the number of haulers and actively shaping the market.

## 2) Increase Efficiency

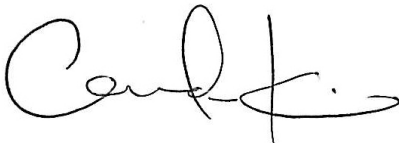
Reducing the problems of inefficient, overlapping truck service routes must be a priority. Increased efficiency is a central strategy to reduce fuel consumption and consequent greenhouse gas emissions—even when using clean trucks. The use of a wasteshed approach through an exclusive system is consistent with concepts outlined in the RENEW LA plan.

## 3) Expand Recycling and Diversion

Improved standards and accountability for haulers in the multifamily and commercial sectors must be pursued, in support of RENEW LA's and the City's ambitious goals for waste reduction. Raising commercial standards so that waste materials accepted at the workplace are consistent with those at residences will increase participation rates in recycling and protect the quality of recyclables collected. It will facilitate public education and reduce confusion about what can be recycled.

Improved waste management is important to air quality, and CCA looks forward to long-overdue improvements the City is considering in the multifamily and commercial sectors.

Thank you,

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