



## CITY OF MURRIETA

August 5, 2019

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

**RE: SB 667 (Hueso): Greenhouse Gases: Recycling Infrastructure and Facilities  
Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The City of Murrieta is pleased to support SB 667 (Hueso), the Organic Waste Recycling Infrastructure Investment Act. The Act would create the California Recycling Infrastructure Investment Account in the State Treasury and require Cal Recycle to develop a five-year investment strategy to drive innovation and support technological development and infrastructure that would help California achieve its organic waste diversion and short lived climate pollutants reduction goals.

The City of Murrieta appreciates the intent of this measure, because we firmly believe without a clear and specific strategy to build infrastructure, develop markets and increase public education, it will be difficult for the State to achieve its goals.

Over the last 24 years, roughly 180 active anaerobic digesters and compost facilities have been built in the state. To meet the 75% organics reduction goal set by SB 1383, we will need to finance, site, permit, and build at least double that number of facilities in the next 5-7 years at a cost of around \$3 billion in capital investment.

The Organic Waste Recycling Infrastructure Investment Act is a critical starting point to begin the work to create several different financing tools and options to help local governments like our city and the solid waste industry implement California's important organic waste diversion and short lived climate pollutant goals.

For the reasons stated above, the City supports SB 667. If you have any questions, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or [llacasella@MurrietaCA.gov](mailto:llacasella@MurrietaCA.gov).

Sincerely,

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