



CITY OF MURRIETA

May 5, 2021

The Honorable John Laird
State Senator, 17th District
State Capitol, Room 4040
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 619 (Laird) Organic Waste. Reduction Regulations.
Notice of Support in Concept**

Dear Senator Laird,

On behalf of the City of Murrieta, we are writing to express our support in concept for SB 619, your measure that would assist local governments with their implementation of SB 1383 (Lara, 2016) and the regulations from CalRecycle that come with it.

Mandates from CalRecycle have been rapidly introduced in recent years with goals of implementing sweeping statewide organic waste diversion regulations set in SB 1383. Your bill, if moved forward would give Cities and communities such as Murrieta more time to implement these regulations, which are currently due by January 1, 2022.

Having only been finalized in November 2020, thirteen months is not enough time for Cities to enforce such sweeping measures on our local communities, especially considering the negative effects the pandemic have had during the same time period. Even though SB 1383 has been developing for some time now, it was only finalized at the end of 2020, giving the city and its local businesses little time to take on these added regulations. The burden of these mandates would be placed squarely on our local businesses, who are still recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and its affects.

Murrieta is actively pursuing the State's organic waste diversion goals and helping local businesses to do so as well, but more time is needed to not over-burden an already hurting community. By pushing back the deadline on imposing penalties on the waste generators to January 2023, this will provide Cities like Murrieta more time to move forward with meeting the State's ambitious climate and emissions reduction goals.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta supports in concept SB 619. If you have any questions, or need more information about the City's position, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or llacasella@MurrietaCA.Gov.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott R. Vinton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Scott Vinton
Mayor

Cc: Murrieta City Council
Senator Melissa Melendez
Assembly Member Kelly Seyarto
Erin Sasse, League of California Cities