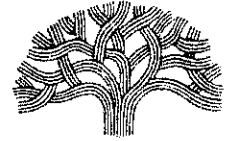




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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Governor, State of California  
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**RE: AB 548 (Levine) Multifamily Dwelling Recycling**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Assembly Bill 548 would increase California's recycling rate by expanding recycling opportunities at multi-family dwellings, and would align with and support Oakland's recycling programs and waste diversion goal of 75% by 2010.

While California overall is diverting more than 50 percent of generated waste, it's estimated that just 15% of waste generated at multi-family dwelling is currently diverted. While just 19.1 % of Californians live in multi-family dwellings, cities such as Oakland have a higher proportion of residents living in multi-family dwellings. In Oakland 36% of all residential units are in multi-family dwellings, yet they contribute less than 15% of the tonnage collected in the residential recycling program.

Multi-family dwellings are a challenging sector to ensure access to recycling services due to a number of conditions that distinguish them from single family dwellings, including high turn-over of occupants, building management and ownership, and limited space in older buildings. AB 548, aimed at closing the recycling gap for multi-family dwellings, would have an even greater impact in denser, more urban cities with lots of older housing stock such as Oakland.

AB 548 will require owners of multi-family dwellings to provide recycling services for the residents in those dwellings in accordance with local jurisdictions' recycling plans.

AB 548 would support Oakland's efforts to ensure access to recycling services to our large multi-family dwelling population. Please consider this when AB 548 is heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee.

Sincerely,

  
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