



August 12, 2019

Enrique Zaldivar
Director, City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation
1149 South Broadway, 9th Floor
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Re: Clean Air and Climate Leadership Through Zero-Emission Refuse Trucks

Dear: Mr. Zaldivar:

On behalf of the undersigned members of the Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition, we write to ask that the Los Angeles City Bureau of Sanitation commit to a zero-emission refuse truck fleet as part of the City's ongoing sustainability efforts. As Los Angeles seeks to achieve a more environmentally sustainable city, it is important for agencies in the City to advance robust clean air and climate solutions. We appreciate that the recently adopted pLAN includes a commitment to 100% zero-emission medium-duty trucks, but we ask that the Bureau set an even more ambitious agenda to make all of the City's operated refuse trucks zero-emission. Zero-emission refuse vehicles support and enhance the City's sustainability goals, and so we write to request that the Bureau continue to build on this momentum by setting a policy to achieve a 100% zero-emission refuse truck fleet by 2035.

Committing to a 100% zero-emission refuse truck fleet by 2035 is precisely the type of leadership we need now. The California Air Resources Board—the agency responsible for regulating trucks in California—has determined that refuse trucks fit the optimal duty cycle for electric vehicles. As the Trump Administration seeks to unravel protections and do harm to our air and the planet through policies like the roll back of federal fuel economy standards, it is incumbent upon your agency to continue its legacy of environmental leadership and stewardship. Committing to and pursuing a zero-emission refuse truck fleet does precisely this. It sends a strong signal to everyone in and around Los Angeles that the Bureau of Sanitation cares about the well-being of our people, the air and the planet.

Even beyond environmental considerations, electric refuse trucks are much quieter than their combustion counterparts. Quieter neighborhoods, especially in the early morning hours, is a clear win for everyone in the Los Angeles community. Thus, there are also great quality of life benefits from shifting away from combustion to zero-emission refuse trucks.

Our coalition looks forward to working with you on advancing this critical policy that is sure to garner national recognition and attention. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there are any questions that arise.

Sincerely,



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The Los Angeles County Electric Truck and Bus Coalition brings together leading voices from clean energy, organized labor, environment, and neighborhood community groups to build a broad movement that supports a 100% electric fleet for Los Angeles County. Our members include Earthjustice, Environment California, Food and Water Watch, IBEW Local 11 and NECA Los Angeles, Jobs to Move America, and Sierra Club.