



LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCILMEMBER
GREIG SMITH
TWELFTH DISTRICT

March 25, 2008

To the Staff of the Integrated Waste Management Board:

It is the Official Position of the City of Los Angeles, that the Waste Board Staff has overstepped its authority by accepting BFI/Allied Waste's Solid Waste Facilities Permit application for a Joint City-County Landfill. In so doing, you have usurped local control over land use issues that are at the core of this approval.

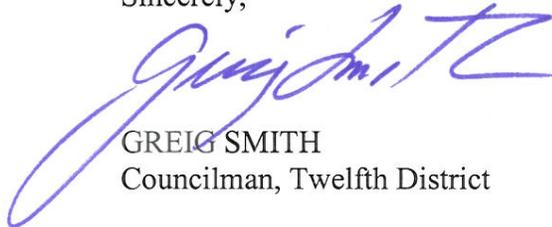
The City Council has authorized the City Attorney to file a lawsuit if necessary, to remedy this. Additionally, we are seeking Legislative Relief in the form of AB 2415 (Fuentes).

The City and County of Los Angeles have worked long and hard to guarantee extensive community, environmental and Public Health protections for this facility. Additionally, as we have worked to negotiate our Joint Powers Authority, we have sought to assure the preservation of these actions.

It is the Cities belief that by assuming the permitting review function, you have put these protections at risk, thereby negating their benefit and years of diligence on the part of City Staff and community members.

I urge you to abandon your attempt to usurp our local control and return BFI/Allied Waste's SWFP application, so that it may be submitted and reviewed by the appropriate, local agencies.

Sincerely,



GREIG SMITH
Councilman, Twelfth District