



ECONOMIC ALLIANCE
OF THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY

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Ms. Margo Reid Brown
Chair
California Integrated Waste Management Board
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Dear Ms. Brown:

The City of Los Angeles has a plan to become a zero waste City. That is an admirable goal and one supported by the Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley. But until that goal is achieved, Los Angeles will continue to generate waste and it will obviously have to go somewhere.

Because the alternatives to disposing of solid waste in a landfill involve shipping trash to other, distant landfills with fewer protections against groundwater contamination and greenhouse gases, it is imperative that the currently operational landfills remain a solid waste disposal option for Los Angeles and Southern California.

We are aware of a proposal and request by the operators of the Sunshine Canyon Landfill to consolidate the dual City of Los Angeles and County of Los Angeles landfills that would allow the facility to operate up to its full permitted capacity every day. This would appear to be a viable, environmentally sound, efficient and affordable place for trash to go. It will also mean that the landfill will reach its permitted capacity sooner – speeding up the day that Los Angeles will truly be a landfill-free City.

Beyond the environmental benefits of consolidation, which are well documented in two Environmental Impact Reports, merging the landfills makes sense as a purely practical matter. We ask your consideration of this proposal and request.

Sincerely,

Bruce Ackerman
President and CEO