

Non-Agenda 1/28/2020 SCC Emailed Public Comment

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Dear Commissioners,

Long Beach must offer universal composting- it's actually state law. In September 2016, Governor Brown signed into law SB 1383, which established emissions reduction targets for **organic waste**. According to the Legislative Counsel's Digest (read [here](#)): the law "requires each county and city and county to prepare and submit to the department a countywide integrated waste management plan" and "by adding to the duties of local governments related to organic waste in landfills, this bill would impose a **state-mandated local program**." In 2020, CalRecycle transmitted its regulations for final codification.

In short, cities must offer comprehensive composting to its residents. The final requirements will be finalized by 2022. Specifically, **"local governments and generators will be required to compost, anaerobically digest, or otherwise recycle food scraps, yard trimmings, and other organic waste by providing curbside compost collection services to residents and businesses, and to minimize food waste from businesses such as grocery stores, event venues and restaurants. They will also be required to procure organic waste products such as compost and mulch."**

Long Beach's lack of a green bin program is unacceptable for a city of our size. **Please prioritize an organic waste disposal program / universal composting in 2021.**

Regards,

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