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The Breaking Bread Coalition in support of SB 1383: Composting Infrastructure Investments are Essential to Long-Term Resilience & Healthy Food Production

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Dear Mayor Garcetti,

We are a diverse and passionate coalition of advocates representing nonprofits, businesses, media creators, and growers from the Los Angeles region (started as an affiliated group of California Climate and Agriculture Network). We, the "Breaking Bread Coalition," are committed to advocating for strategies that address the intersection of the climate crisis and food insecurity, while reviving degraded land. We write today because we believe that your administration has an important and powerful opportunity to rebuild our soils and create healthier communities through expanded composting of organics under the implementation of SB 1383 (Short-Lived Climate Pollutants bill signed into law in 2016). Specifically, we support the composting of organic material over incineration, anaerobic digestion, and traditional wastewater treatment because of the myriad of social and environmental benefits that it has.

We believe it is especially important that the bill continues on track and is enacted with as little delay as possible. Los Angeles County can facilitate the production of an immense amount of much-needed compost.

Compost is a vital resource due to its ability to

- Increase soil fertility
- Increase drought resilience and increase soil water holding capacity (reduce runoff and soil loss)
- Help plant-covered land sequester more carbon
- Increase soil biodiversity and therefore above-ground biodiversity
- Help farmers reduce costly and toxic inputs (fertilizers, pesticides) and become more resilient to extreme weather events

We understand that establishing large scale composting facilities is a significant undertaking and that COVID-19 presents additional challenges to implementation. By prioritizing the construction and use of local compost facilities, Los Angeles has an opportunity to set a precedent for the rest of the state and nationally, which makes these next steps all the more important for transforming agriculture, health, sanitation, and the food system overall in California. Please consider us a friend and partner in this large scale transition that urgently needs to happen, as we are here to support you. Thank you for taking the time to consider our request, to implement a positive shift in our community by way of composting and supporting SB 1383.

Sincerely,

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