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The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2114
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1080 (Gonzalez) California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended 9/09/19)*

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez:

The City of Placerville is pleased to **Support** AB 1080 (Gonzalez), the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act. This bill directs the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) to adopt regulations before January 1, 2024 that require producers, which includes the people who manufacture single-use packaging or priority single-use products, to achieve a 75 percent reduction of waste generated from single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products in the California market by 2030.

AB 1080 also requires CalRecycle, by January 1, 2023 and before the adoption of regulations, to finalize an implementation plan that will be comprised of extensive outreach with stakeholders, including local governments. This will give local governments a voice in the creation of the forthcoming regulations to address potential implementation challenges.

Additionally, the implementation plan includes developing incentives and policies to maximize and encourage in-state manufacturing using recycled material generated in California. Developing these incentives will address the lack of recycling markets in California, as recyclable materials once shipped overseas are now piling up with nowhere to go.

In 2019, the City of Placerville was forced to charge additional fees to our citizens to account for the severe loss in value of recyclable materials. In many cases, potential recyclable materials are now being landfilled rather than recycled due to lack of industry and markets for these materials. In addition, we continually look at new programs and increased costs to meet recycling goals. If adopted, these bills will not only reduce our costs by creating valuable markets, but assist in keeping our parks, streets and waterways clean.

Cities, like ours, have dedicated significant time and resources to develop and implement their recycling programs and want to ensure city recycling programs continue to be successful. AB 1080 will help local governments recycle more materials, throw less waste into landfills, and advance

towards meeting statewide solid waste and recycling goals. The City of Placerville is supportive of meeting these goals and applauds your leadership on this issue.

For these reasons, the City of Placerville **Supports** AB 1080.

Sincerely,

Mayor Michael Saragosa
City of Placerville

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