



*City of  
Encinitas*

Office of  
The Mayor

May 13, 2015

The Honorable Richard S. Gordon  
California State Assembly  
10<sup>th</sup> & L Streets  
Sacramento, CA 95814

*Kristin Gaspar*  
Mayor

**Re: AB 1159 (Gordon) – Product Stewardship: Pilot Program: Household Batteries and Home-Generated Sharps NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gordon:

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports your AB 1159, which would require, by no later than January 1, 2017, CalRecycle to adopt regulations to implement a product stewardship pilot program for home-generated sharps and household batteries. Even though the state has prohibited the disposal of household batteries since 2006 and home-generated sharps since 2008, there is still no statewide program to effectively remove these dangerous items from the waste stream.

*Tony Kranz*  
Council Member

When batteries are disposed in toxic waste sites in compliance with state law, local government bears the cost. Cities and counties share the cost of toxic waste disposal which includes the disposal of batteries. Battery producers should be bearing this cost and keeping batteries out of landfills through a recycling or re-use program. AB 1159 takes an important first step in better managing household battery recycling by requiring product producers and product stewardship organizations to help address end-of-life issues for their products. This will help keep them out of the local landfills and ultimately lower the amount of waste that must be disposed in California.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

The City of Encinitas supports ecosystem enhancing legislation. For this and the reasons stated above, we support your AB 1159.

*Lisa Shaffer*  
Council Member

Sincerely,

*Larry Watt*  
Interim City Manager

Kristin Gaspar  
Mayor

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