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**The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
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Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

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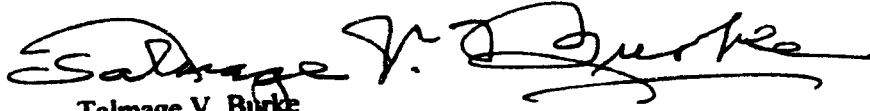
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Sincerely,

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Talmage V. Burke
Mayor

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste



ALLIED WASTE
PACIFIC REGION

CHAPTER #
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September 10, 2002

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Sher and Romero) – Hazardous Electronic Waste – Request for Signature from Allied Waste Industries

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of Allied Waste Industries to request your signature on Senate Bill 20. This bill will require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life and insure that adequate funding is available for safe and effective recycling of these products.

According to the US EPA, the United States discarded over 4.6 million tons of appliances and consumer electronics in 2000. In California, more than 10,000 computers and TVs become obsolete every day and Californians have stockpiled over 6 million cathode ray tubes (CRT's). Current California law bans the disposal of CRT's in solid waste landfills, but does not provide a safe and convenient system for handling and recycling. The backlog of "e-waste" is a threat to California's existing waste collection and recycling infrastructure unless adequate funding is made available.

Local governments and private waste haulers have inadvertently become the responsible parties for handling and processing "e-waste". We are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of collecting and handling CRT's and other hazardous electronic devices. Collecting and recycling these electronic devices will cost local governments and non-profits hundreds of millions of dollars in new costs over the next several years.

While local governments have historically assumed the full management responsibilities for the disposal and diversion of solid wastes, the volume and unusually high costs associated with the collection of e-waste is overwhelming and demands that producers also provide a fair share of those costs.

SB 20 provides the funding for a low-cost and convenient recycling infrastructure for obsolete electronics. The system is financed via a fair and simple recycling fee that is assessed on the sale of all computer monitors, televisions and similar devices that can no longer be legally disposed. Like existing state fees on other products requiring special handling (i.e. pesticides, tires, motor oil), the SB 20 fee will be assessed equitably on in-state and out-of-state sales into California.

SB 20 also provides the funding necessary to insure that the current solid waste collection system provides for the convenient and safe collection and processing of the stockpiled CRT's and the steady stream of obsolete e-waste entering the waste stream each day.

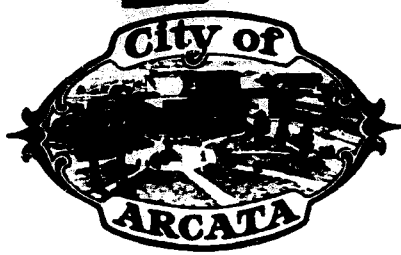
For these reasons, we respectfully request your signature on SB 20.

Mike Caprio

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**Regional Vice-President
Allied Waste Industries**

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September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Arcata to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

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Sincerely,

Dan Hauser
City Manager

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste



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James R. Janz
Mayor

September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

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Sincerely,



James R. Janz

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**California Association of
Environmental Health Administrators**

September 12, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: ~~XXXX~~ (Sher) Electronic Waste Recycling
POSITION: Support

Dear Governor Davis:

The California Association of Environmental Health Administrators (CAEHA) urges you to sign SB 20 (Sher).

This bill offers a sound approach to managing one of our State's most significant solid waste and hazardous waste challenges - the safe collection and recycling of electronic waste.

As local agency regulators involved in both solid waste and hazardous waste regulation, we welcome the enactment of this legislation that will appropriately place the stewardship responsibility on the product manufacturers and will provide revenues to both implement product recycling and enforce compliance.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 944-7315 if you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter or CAEHA's position on the bill

Sincerely,

Justin Malan
Executive Director

Cc: Senator Sher
CAEHA Executive Committee





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September 18, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of the State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

The members of the Environmental Caucus of the California Democratic Party strongly urge you to sign Senate Bill 20, the electronic waste-recycling bill, one of our top legislative priorities for this session.

Currently, the recycling rate for old computers and television sets is hovering around a dismal 20 percent. Millions of them are stored in people's garages and attics because they don't know what to do with them. All too many computers and TVs, especially smaller ones, are still ending up in trash receptacles and thus into landfills, from which they are justifiably prohibited.

On top of that, 50 to 80 percent of those computers that are claimed to be recycled are actually ending up as exports to developing nations where the environmental and public health repercussions are truly staggering.

Once again, California has the opportunity to lead the nation in solving an important environmental problem and highlight once again the difference between the anti-environmental record of the Bush Administration and your own.

We respectfully urge you to sign SB 20.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Luke Breit
Chair

September 18, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
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Re: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

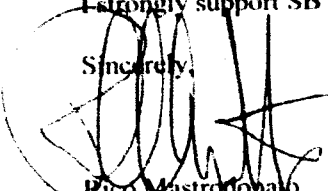
I am writing on behalf of the California League of Conservation Voters to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 20 (Sher) which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices containing toxic materials when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. Additionally, this bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations. It will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products for recycling and reward them for reducing toxics.

SB 20 is supported by a broad coalition of local governments, businesses, electronic manufacturers, environmentalists, non-profit groups, recyclers, and waste haulers. This unique stakeholder group worked with the California State Legislature to create a meaningful solution to this critical issue facing California. I strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,


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September 23, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis, Governor
State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

SB 20 (Sher) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Davis:

The 50,000 registered nurses of the California Nurses Association respectfully request your signature of **SB 20 (Sher)**, which will enact the Hazardous Electronic Waste Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Act of 2003.

The measure will help to ensure that electronic waste is properly collected, recycled, refurbished, or disposed of. E-waste has become a significant environmental and public health hazard. SB 20 will establish a program to promote the efficient and cost-effective collection and processing of e-waste to ensure that they do not continue to pose a threat to public health and the environment.

The California Nurses Association urges your favorable consideration of this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Donna Gerbec, Director
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Cc: Senator Byron Sher

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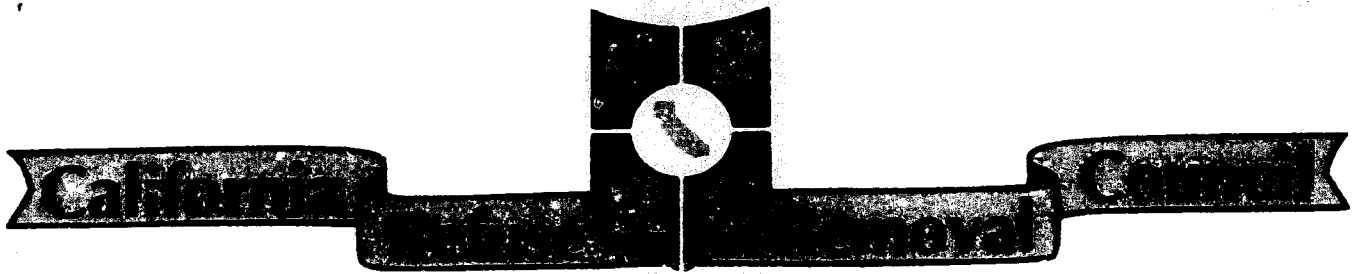
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JOINT STATE OFFICE

September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

You have before you for signature SB 20 by Senator Byron Sher, which relates to the collection and recycling of electronic waste. On behalf of the California Refuse Removal Council (CRRC), a statewide non-profit trade association comprised of over 100 companies that collect and process recyclables and solid wastes, we respectfully request your signature on this important bill.

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control has ruled that Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) containing hazardous concentrations of lead can no longer be disposed of in solid waste landfills. This is resulting in the stockpiling of CRT devices (computer monitors and TV's) with little or no outlet for their disposal or recycling. An estimated 2 to 3 million CRTs become obsolete each year in California. The cost of collecting and recycling CRTs and other hazardous electronics could well exceed \$1 billion over the next five years. The illegal dumping of hazardous electronics is an ever-increasing environmental pollution problem as well.

SB 20 would address this problem by requiring the producers of hazardous e-waste to develop and finance a free and convenient recycling system for their products. This legislation proposes an innovative, market-based approach to addressing a new and growing hazardous pollution problem. This approach is consistent with requirements recently enacted on manufacturers in Europe, and tracks the recommendations outlined by you last fall in your message on SB 1523. We respectfully request your signature on SB 20.

Respectfully,

JOSH PANE
California Refuse Removal Council
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California Refuse Removal Council
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cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author



September 16, 2003

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RE: SB 20 (Sher)
Solid Waste: Hazardous Electronic Waste
Request for Signature

Dear Governor Davis:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) respectfully requests that you sign SB 20 (Sher), which would establish a cost-free and convenient system for recycling certain electronic wastes (e-waste) that would be financed through a recycling fee assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase.

According to a survey by the California Integrated Waste Management Board, California households are sitting on a stockpile of more than 6 million obsolete computers and televisions. As a result, local governments are facing unbudgeted collection and clean-up costs in excess of \$500 million over the next three years.

We believe that SB 20 will go a long way towards solving California's electronic-waste problem by providing a funding mechanism for proper collection and recycling of electronic wastes. We are also very pleased that the bill would require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and generally design for recycling.

For these reasons, CSAC supports SB 20, and urges your signature of this important measure.

Sincerely,

Steven C. Galay
Executive Director

cc: Senator Byron Sher

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waste recovery systems

September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: **SB 20 (Sher) - SUPPORT**

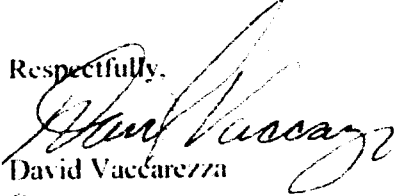
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Respectfully,


David Vaccarella
Owner

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author

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September 22, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Sher) E-waste Recycling – Support

Dear Governor Davis:

We strongly urge your support for Senate Bill 20 (Sher), which would establish a desperately needed collection and recycling solution for California's growing toxic electronic waste problem.

The Problem: Growing Volume/Hazardous Waste

The volume and toxicity of Electronic waste, or e-waste, poses a growing and hazardous waste problem for California, as documented in our report, *Poison PCs and Toxic TVs*. E-waste is one of the fastest growing components of the waste stream. According to the US EPA, more than 4.6 million tons of e-waste was discarded in 2000. A survey by the California Integrated Waste Management Board revealed that California households have stockpiled more than 6 million obsolete computers and televisions. A study by Stanford Resources Inc. estimates that another 2.5 to 5 million computers and TVs will become obsolete in California this year alone. And while recycling levels are growing, just 10% to 20% of these devices are currently being recycled.

Compounding the problem of the growing e-waste volume is the presence of toxic levels of hazardous materials in many of these devices. In March, 2001, the California Department of Toxic Substances Control affirmed that the cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and televisions contain hazardous levels of lead. Appropriately, their disposal in solid waste landfills has been banned.

Cost Burden on Local Agencies:

As a result of the disposal ban, local governments have been forced to cobble together a new e-waste collection infrastructure in order to prevent illegal disposal of this newly designated hazardous waste. With hazardous waste collection and disposal costs hovering around \$25 to \$50 per unit, most local agencies and handlers are looking increasingly to e-waste recycling. The precious metals and other materials in computers make these devices a prime candidate for recycling. However, the design and the presence of hazardous materials mean that the cost of 'recycling' exceeds the value, resulting in a 'negative scrap value.'

Costs for handling (collecting and processing) obsolete computers and TVs can range from \$1 - \$35 or more per unit. Local agencies are forced to choose between passing these costs along to the public and risking increased illegal disposal, or subsidizing the cost. While many local agencies are asking consumers to pay 'back-end' disposal fees in the \$5 to \$25 range, most jurisdictions are subsidizing all or a portion of existing CRT collection.

The costs of dealing with e-waste that has been illegally disposed can be staggering to local agencies. Just one instance of illegal dumping of e-waste in the City of Long Beach last month is projected to cost the city \$10,000 to \$15,000. Without SB 20, California's total public agency costs of managing obsolete computer and TV derived e-waste could easily range from \$100 to \$250 million or more annually.

- 3) **Hazardous Materials Phase-Out.** The best, most cost effective method for protecting public health and the environment from the hazards posed by toxic consumer electronics is to reduce the level of toxic materials in these devices in the first place. SB 20 proposes to phase out the use of specified toxic materials by 2007, consistent with a similar phase-out adopted by the European Union.
- 4) **Restriction on Export of Toxic E-waste.** SB 20 would implement a first in the nation restriction on the export of toxic electronic waste. This provision will effectively prohibit the export of devices from California by the kinds of 'sham' recycling operations that are unsafe and environmentally damaging to the health and safety of the peoples of developing nations.

Governor Davis, we took your veto message of last year seriously. As the Bush Administration and the federal government have dawdled on the e-waste issue for years, we have successfully rallied the environmental and industry community to reach a consensus that achieves your oft-stated goal of promoting California's economy while protecting its environment. We greatly appreciate your Administration's tireless support this year in getting to that consensus.

We respectfully urge your signature on Senate Bill 20.

Sincerely,



Mark Murray
Executive Director

c.c. Senator Byron Sher
Secretary Winston Hickox, Cal EPA
Board Member Mike Paparian, CIWMB
Director Ed Lowry, Department of Toxic Substances Control

Summary of SB 20 (Sher) E-waste Recycling

The adoption of Senate Bill 20 by **State Senator Byron Sher (D – Palo Alto)** represents a significant milestone in California's nearly three year effort to establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. While not a complete solution, SB 20 represents a critical first step and a substantial improvement over last year's SB 1523. If signed by the Governor, California would have the first 'front-end' financed e-waste recycling law in the country.

Free and Convenient Recycling

SB 20 will provide market-based incentives for the establishment and financing of a 'free and convenient' system for recycling most computer monitors, televisions, and other video devices containing toxic materials. The system will be financed with a 'point-of-sale' fee paid by retailers (or manufacturers) to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB). For the first year, fees are set at \$6 to \$10 per unit depending on screen size. On and after July 1, 2005, the fee will be set based on the actual cost of recycling. Revenue will be used to make e-waste recycling payments to dismantlers and collectors of covered electronics. The amount of e-waste recycling payments will be determined by the CIWMB, based on the average cost of recycling.

Phase-out of Hazardous Materials

SB 20 will prohibit the sale of devices containing certain toxic materials after 2007, consistent with a phase-out initiated by the European Union. Additionally, the bill will require manufacturers to provide biennial reports to the CIWMB regarding the baseline level of toxic materials in their products, efforts to reduce the use of those toxic materials and efforts to design devices for recycling.

Restricts Exports of Toxic Devices to Developing Countries

SB 20 prohibits the export of electronic waste by any person unless all of the follow conditions are demonstrated to the Department of Toxic Substances Control at least 60 days prior to the export.

- 1) Notifies the department of the destination, contents and volume of the proposed shipment
- 2) Demonstrates that the importation is not prohibited by the country of destination and that the import is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws.
- 3) Required import and operating licenses are forwarded to the department.
- 4) Demonstrates that the export is conducted in accordance with applicable international law
- 5) Demonstrate that the management of the exported e-waste will be handled within the country of

destination in accordance with applicable rules, standards, and requirements adopted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development for the environmentally sound management of electronic waste (The OECD has identified performance elements for ensuring safe management of e-waste. They include: emission controls and limits to air, water, etc; Occupational and Environmental Health and safety provisions, third-party certification).

- 6) Demonstrate that the covered electronic waste is being exported for the purpose of reuse or recycling (The language in Section 42476.6 creates an exemption to these provisions for exported 'components' that are 'reused' or 'recycled'. The author has submitted a letter to the Senate Journal to clarify that the term 'or recycled' appears in error and his intent to strike it.)

Establishes Board Authority to Adopt E-waste Recycling Goals. SB 20 would require the board to annually establish e-waste recycling goals in California and report on the progress in meeting those goals.

Market-based Financing of Recycling. SB 20 contains no mandates for collection, but rather relies on market-based payments to recyclers to drive collection and recycling. Specifically, SB 20 would require the board to establish a schedule of e-waste payment levels to cover both the collection and recycling of electronic waste. Payments would be made by the board to e-waste recyclers for every device recycled. E-waste recyclers would make collection payments to authorized collectors. Any entity that meets DTSC's regulatory requirements for handling e-waste can become an authorized collector or recycler.

Scope of Products Covered. Covered electronic devices would include Cathode Ray Tube devices (i.e. most computer monitors and televisions), as well as other video display devices that the State DTSC determines contain toxic materials. Devices with screen sizes smaller than 4 inches are exempt.

State Procurement. Prospective bidders on state equipment contracts must certify that they are in compliance with the requirements of this act, or they are ineligible to bid.

Sunset Provision. This act becomes inoperative if a trial court rules that out-of-state manufacturers may not be required to collect the fee, or if a federal law is enacted that provides similar provisions.

Supporters of SB 20 (Sher) -- E-waste Recycling

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Environmental Organizations

Californians Against Waste*
California League of Conservation Voters*
Center for Community Action & Environmental Justice*
Community Environmental Council
Ecology Action*
Ecology Center
Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2)*
Global Recycling Council
Grass Roots Recycling Network
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Summary of SB 20 Provisions Restricting the Export of Toxic E-waste

SB 20 will implement the nation's strongest restriction on the export of toxic electronic waste and effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing countries. The problem of toxic e-waste from California and elsewhere being mismanaged when exported to developing countries was highlighted in a November 23, 2002 investigative series in the San Jose Mercury News, and elsewhere.

The reports documented the export of e-waste to China and other developing countries where workers using their hands and primitive tools pick apart obsolete computers to salvage parts and materials for recycling, and in the process expose themselves and their environment to toxic materials like lead, mercury and cadmium.

SB 20 would prohibit the export of electronic waste by any person unless all of the following conditions are demonstrated to the Department of Toxic Substances Control at least 60 days prior to the export:

- 1) Notifies the department of the destination, contents and volume of the proposed shipment.
- 2) Demonstrates that the importation is not prohibited by the country of destination and that the import is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws.
- 3) Required import and operating licenses are forwarded to the department.
- 4) Demonstrates that the export is conducted in accordance with applicable international law.
- 5) Demonstrate that the management of the exported e-waste will be handled within the country of destination in accordance with applicable rules, standards, and requirements adopted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)¹ for the environmentally sound management of electronic waste. The OECD has adopted detailed technical guidelines for dismantling facilities and identified core performance elements for ensuring safe management of e-waste. They include: controls and limits on emissions to air, water, etc; Occupational and Environmental Health and safety provisions; and third-party certification).
- 6) Demonstrate that the covered electronic waste is being exported for the purpose of reuse or recycling.²

¹ According to the OECD's website, the organization has been developing and promulgating international policies to promote the environmentally sound management of waste since the 1980's, including measures for controlling the transboundary movement of waste. On February 18, 2003, the OECD Working Group on Waste Prevention and Recycling updated its Technical Guidance for the Environmentally Sound Management of Used and Scrap Personal Computers. Text of the OECD Guidelines can be found at: [http://www.oecd.org/olis/2001doc.nsf/linkto/ENV-EPOC-WGWPR\(2001\)3-FINAL](http://www.oecd.org/olis/2001doc.nsf/linkto/ENV-EPOC-WGWPR(2001)3-FINAL)

² Section 42476.6 of SB 20 does contain a drafting error that has resulted in some confusion regarding the intent of the legislation. The intent of the section is to ensure that California recyclers would, after safely dismantling devices, be able to export 'recycled' materials and components to other countries for manufacture into new electronic products. The term 'or recycled' on page 20, line 24 of the bill was added inadvertently by legislative counsel. Senator Sher submitted a letter to the Senate Journal on September 12, to clarify his intent and indicate that it was his intent to strike the term.

SB 20 Export Language:

42476(e) The board may not provide any payment for covered electronic waste unless the materials are handled in compliance with all statutes and regulations regarding the export of hazardous wastes, including, but not limited to, Section 42476.5.

42476.5. Except as provided in Section 42476.6, any person who intends to export covered electronic waste to a foreign destination shall comply with all of the following at least 60 days prior to export:

(a) Notify the department of the destination, contents, and volume of covered electronic waste to be exported.

(b) Demonstrate that the importation of covered electronic waste is not prohibited by any applicable law or regulation of the country of destination and that any import is conducted in accordance with all applicable laws. As part of this demonstration, required import and operating licenses shall be forwarded to the department.

(c) Demonstrate that the exportation of covered electronic waste is conducted only in accordance with applicable international law.

(d) Demonstrate that the management of the exported covered electronic waste will be handled within the country of destination in accordance with applicable rules, standards, and requirements adopted by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development for the environmentally sound management of electronic waste.

(e) Demonstrate that the covered electronic waste is being exported for the purpose of reuse or recycling.

42476.6. Section 42476.5 does not apply to a component part of a covered electronic device that is exported to an authorized collector or recycler and that is reused ~~or recycled~~ into a new electronic component.

(Section 42476.6 above contains a drafting error. The term 'or recycled' on page 20, line 24 of the bill was added inadvertently by legislative counsel. Senator Sher submitted a letter to the Senate Journal on September 12, indicating that it was his intent to strike the term.)



CITY OF CAMPBELL
Mayor's Office

September 18, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support for SB 20 (Sher):
Hazardous E-waste Recycling

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the Campbell City Council, I would like to express our support for SB 20.

The bill establishes a requirement for producers of hazardous electronic devices to develop a convenient system for recycling their devices when their useful life has ended. This measure would cover all cathode ray tubes (CRTs) and any other video display device (notebook computers and most other flat screen devices).

Because our City Council adopted a Resolution last year in support of Product Stewardship to increase manufacturer responsibility for minimizing the environmental impacts of electronic waste, including end-of-life management, we support the similar goals behind SB 20.

Thank you for considering the City of Campbell's position regarding SB 20.

Sincerely,

Daniel E. Furtado
Mayor

cc: Campbell City Council
Lynn Penoyer, Land Development/Environmental Program Manager



CENTRAL CONTRA COSTA SOLID WASTE AUTHORITY

September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

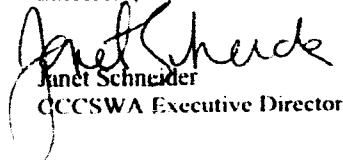
I am writing on behalf of the Central Contra Costa Solid Waste Authority (CCCSWA) to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish convenient collection and recycling programs for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the sole responsible parties and are forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. The fee may be adjusted by the Integrated Waste Management Board in the future based on the actual cost of collecting and recycling the devices. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations and will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, increase recycled materials, and generally design for recycling. Manufacturers are given incentives to redesign their products to have the lowest recycling costs and least toxic materials.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,


Janet Schneider
CCCSWA Executive Director

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste

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September 22, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:


The City Council of the City of Daly City has recognized the importance of the legislation contained in SB 20, and would urge you to sign this legislation into law.

As you may be aware, cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in both computer monitors and televisions contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Unfortunately, consumers have few options for properly discarding unwanted, obsolete devices. Consequently, unlawful dumping of old televisions and computer monitors on our city streets and sidewalks is becoming all too commonplace. Local governments, such as Daly City, have unwittingly become the responsible parties forced to undertake the increasingly costly task of disposing computers and televisions.

SB 20 addresses a growing crisis by requiring manufacturers of hazardous electronic devices to establish and implement a collection, processing, recovery, reuse, and recycling system for their obsolete and hazardous products. Additionally, the measure calls on manufacturers to phase down the use of hazardous materials in these devices.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,


Adrienne J. Tissier
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cc: Daly City Council
John C. Martin, City Manager



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September 17, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
Capitol Building No. 1114
Sacramento CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

The Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority, a joint powers authority of the City of Crescent City and the County of Del Norte, would like to express our strong support for passage of SB 20.

Hazardous electronic waste or e-waste poses a growing hazardous waste problem for the state of California, as well as the rest of the world. In California alone, more than 6,000 computers become obsolete every day. Last year the California Department of Toxic Substances Control affirmed that the cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and televisions contain hazardous levels of lead. Appropriately, their disposal in solid waste landfills has been banned.

Local governments and agencies like ours have been forced to cobble together a new CRT collection and recycling infrastructure in order to prevent illegal disposal of this newly designated hazardous waste. Costs for handling obsolete computer monitors and TVs in our County can range from \$15 to \$75 per unit. Our local agency has been forced to choose between passing these costs along to the public and risking increased illegal disposal, or subsidizing the recycling cost. For the last two years we have included these items in our one-day household hazardous waste collection events, and the cost for managing these items alone was \$27,000!

SB20 is needed to establish a system that will reuse and recycle hazardous electronic devices. Manufacturers should be responsible for handling properly the hazardous products they sell in California. These products can be made safely, without hazardous content, and SB 20 encourages that behavior.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hendrick, Director signing on behalf of
Jack Reese, Chair
Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority

Cc: Californians Against Waste

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September 18, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol
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Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Diamond Bar to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, to establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for discarded television sets and computers.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. While the state has banned their disposal in landfills due to human and environmental health hazards, these devices continue to be sold in California without appropriate restrictions and recycling infrastructure in place. As a result, local governments are bearing the increasing costs associated with the clean up of these toxic materials.

To facilitate the recycling process, SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions and computers, at the time of purchase, to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are discarded. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. The fee may be adjusted by the Integrated Waste Management Board in the future, once the actual cost of collecting and recycling the devices is more accurately assessed. Additionally, this year's bill will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products in order to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and generally design for recycling. Manufacturers are given incentives to redesign their products to have the lowest recycling costs and least toxic materials.

Our state leaders must set the necessary standards to preserve and enhance both the health of its citizens and the environment. In addition, industry must be cooperative and collaborative in working to resolve environmental issues that are significantly impacted by their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

Linda C. Lowry
City Manager

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste
James DeStefano, Deputy City Manager
David G. Lui, Director of Public Works

September 16, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

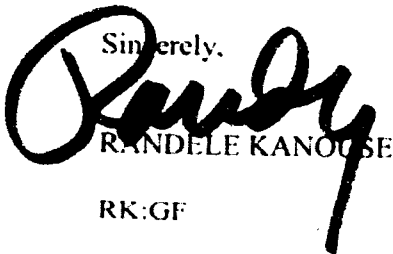
The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) respectfully requests that you sign SB 20 by Senator Sher, which would enact the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, which would authorize a program to recover, reuse, and recycle hazardous electronic devices, such as televisions, video monitors, and computer monitors.

Approximately 6,000 computers become obsolete every day in California, and currently less than 14 percent of these are recycled or donated for reuse. The Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition has estimated that by 2005, one computer will be discarded for every new one put on the market. The accelerating pace of innovation in computer design suggests that this waste stream will continue to increase, exacerbating the shortage of landfill space. In addition, some components of computers, such as cathode ray tubes, contain significant quantities of lead. A typical 17-inch computer has 2.2 pounds of lead, while a 27-inch television can contain up to 8 pounds of lead.

EBMUD currently has a program in place to collect and recycle all universal wastes that are generated at EBMUD, including batteries, thermostats, fluorescent lamps, and computer components. All unwanted computer components that are generated by EBMUD are collected in a labeled container located on the loading dock of our Administration Building. As the container fills, EBMUD's hazardous waste contractor collects and delivers the used computer components, along with other universal wastes, to an approved facility for recycling. The reuse and recycling objectives embodied within SB 20 would be consistent with EBMUD's existing computer component recycling program.

I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning EBMUD's position on SB 20.

Sincerely,


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cc: Linda Adams, Office of the Governor
Senator Byron Sher



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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ~~SB 20~~ (Sher) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

You have before you for signature SB 20 by Senator Byron Sher, which relates to the collection and recycling of electronic waste. As a member of the California Refuse Removal Council, we respectfully request your signature on this important bill.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control has ruled that Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) containing hazardous concentrations of lead can no longer be disposed of in solid waste landfills. This is resulting in the stockpiling of CRT devices (computer monitors and TV's) with little or no outlet for their disposal or recycling. An estimated 2 to 3 million CRTs become obsolete each year in California. The cost of collecting and recycling CRTs and other hazardous electronics could well exceed \$1 billion over the next five years. The illegal dumping of hazardous electronics is an ever-increasing environmental pollution problem as well.

SB 20 would address this problem by requiring the producers of hazardous e-waste to develop and finance a free and convenient recycling system for their products. This legislation proposes an innovative, market-based approach to addressing a new and growing hazardous pollution problem. This approach is consistent with requirements recently enacted on manufacturers in Europe, and tracks the recommendations outlined by you last fall in your message on SB 1523. We respectfully request your signature on SB 20.

Respectfully,

Mark Figone
General Manager

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author

Electronic Manufacturers Coalition for Responsible Recycling

September 17, 2003

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SB 20

Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003

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SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

The Electronic Manufacturers Coalition for Responsible Recycling respectfully requests your signature on SB 20 (Sher), relating to electronic waste recycling. SB20 is the favorable result of extensive discussions between the bill's authors, product manufacturers, the California EPA, waste management companies, and environmental organizations, all of which share a common goal - implementation of a convenient, workable, and fully funded system for collection and recycling of televisions, monitors, and other display devices in California. As the first legislation in the United States to fully address this important issue, passage of SB20 will once again put California at the forefront of environmental protection. Following are some of the key provisions of SB20 which we believe make it imperative that you sign this important legislation

SB20 establishes a convenient, cost effective, and fully funded system for collection, transportation, and recycling of electronic products. SB20 covers all costs associated with collection, transportation, and recycling of covered electronic products. Unlike alternative approaches that would have covered only the cost of recycling products, SB20 covers all costs of municipalities and others involved in the collection and transportation of products. This is accomplished by collecting a reasonable (\$6-\$10) advance recycling fee at the point of sale on all covered products sold in the State of California, including mail order sales and sales over the Internet. Advance recycling fees on televisions and computer displays alone should generate more than \$70 million annually in the State of California that can be used for collection, transportation and recycling of covered products. Based on expected return rates for these products, we believe that monies collected will significantly exceed those required to make recycling payments to collectors and recyclers of products. Costs to consumers are minimized by eliminating costly requirements for sorting, separation, and storage of equipment by product brand.

SB20 ensures that historic and orphan products are adequately covered under the recycling system. By collecting the fee at the point of sale, the legislation ensures that the fee will be collected uniformly on all manufacturers' products, including orphan products (i.e., those sold under private or store brand labels) and products imported from outside the United States. Under alternative approaches advanced by some of the legislation's opponents, it is doubtful that these products would have been adequately covered, and the costs for collection and recycling of these products would likely have fallen on state and local governments. At the same time, the uniform advance recycling fee approach protects established California manufacturers by ensuring that new market entrants are not allowed to enter the California market with what is essentially a free ride for the costs of handling historic and orphan waste products.

The Coalition

Hitachi, IBM Corporation, JVC, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Philips Electronics, Fisher-Sanyo, Sharp Electronics Corporation, Sony Electronics, Thomson Inc., and Toshiba

SB20 creates strong incentives to ensure participation by out-of-state manufacturers and retailers in collecting advance recycling fees. Some have questioned the ability of the State of California to collect the advance recycling fee from manufacturers or retailers selling via mail order or over the Internet. We believe that these concerns are largely unfounded. SB20 includes severe penalties for failure by manufacturers and/or retailers to collect the advanced recycling fee, including the inability to bid on and receive California state and local government contracts. Additionally, the legislation includes provisions that would suspend the ARF in the event that it was found to be illegal by the courts. It is our hope that concerns with this issue may have been alleviated last week when Dell, the largest internet retailer of monitors and other display devices publicly acknowledged that the legislation did in fact apply to them, and that they would follow the laws of the State of California.

SB20 allows manufacturers that have invested in recycling infrastructures the opportunity to capitalize on their investments by applying for and receiving recycling payments for products collected from California residents and businesses and then recycled. Under SB20, manufacturers or others involved in the collection and recycling of products are given the opportunity to recover their costs by receiving electronic product recycling payments from the State Electronic Product Recycling Account. Manufacturers collecting and recycling products on their own will receive credit not only for recycling of their own branded products, but can in fact receive payment for collecting and recycling any brand of covered electronic products.

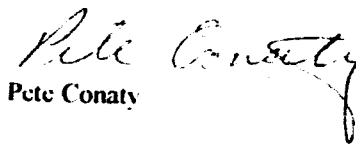
SB20 imposes new responsibilities on manufacturers of electronic products to reduce and/or eliminate hazardous materials from products and for reporting on hazardous material content and use of recycled materials. Unlike e-waste legislation that was vetoed last year, SB20 includes significant new manufacturer responsibilities. In particular, manufacturers are required to ensure that products sold in the State of California meet stringent new European Union requirements for reduction and elimination of heavy metals such as lead, cadmium, mercury, and hexavalent chromium. Additionally, manufacturers are required to report to the state on efforts to reduce hazardous materials in products, increase their use of recycled materials, and improve the recyclability of their products. These new requirements will ensure that covered electronic products sold in the State of California are in fact the most environmentally friendly products sold in the world.

For the reasons noted above, we urge you to sign SB20 and, once again, establish California's leadership in this important subject area

Sincerely,


Allan Lind

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Pete Conaty

For

Electronic Manufacturers Coalition for Responsible Recycling

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ENVIRONMENTAL
ENTREPRENEURS

September 17, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Sher) - Support

Dear Governor Davis:


Environmental Entrepreneurs (E2) is a national organization of business and professional people who support good environmental policy based on its economic merits. Many of our members are from Silicon Valley. As founders of E2 we are writing to request your signature on SB 20 by Senator Sher. This bill would reduce the public health and environmental hazards posed by toxic electronic waste or e-waste.


The Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and television sets have been found to contain toxic levels of lead and other materials. The lead from CRTs has been found to leak when dumped in landfills, threatening to contaminate our soil and groundwater. According to the USEPA, 40 percent of the lead in US landfills is from discarded electronic products. Appropriately, California's Department of Toxic Substances Control banned CRT devices from landfills in March of 2001. Most local governments lack the resources to properly manage toxic e-waste. Efforts to impose back-end fees to recycle CRTs have only discouraged recycling and encouraged illegal dumping.

Because more than 4.6 million tons of electronic scrap is discarded in the US annually, now is the time to establish a state system for the collection, handling, transportation, processing, recovery and recycling of computer monitors and televisions as proposed by SB 20.

The vision of E2 is to protect the environment while growing the economy. We believe that producers of goods that contain hazardous substances should be responsible for the disposal or recovery of these goods when they have reached the end of their useful life. SB 20 is a reasonable solution to the growing problem of e-waste and we urge you to sign this important bill. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,


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cc: Senator Scher

*I believe this bill is better than last year's
and deserves your support
Bob Epstein*



CITY OF EUREKA

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September 18, 2003
The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Eureka to express our support for Senate Bill 20 by State Senator Byron Sher which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete. The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. The state accordingly banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions. Local governments have subsequently become the sole responsible parties, and are now being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic waste.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. Additionally, this year's bill will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, and to use recycled materials. The bill provides manufacturers with incentives to redesign their products.

We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California and its cities.

Sincerely,

Gary M. Bird, AICP
Environmental Programs Coordinator
City of Eureka

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September 18, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for SB 20 (Sher): Electronic Waste Recycling Act

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Fremont to let you know of our support for SB 20, the legislation to establish the funding mechanism for collection and recycling of electronic waste (e-waste).

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Although the State banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments, either alone or in partnership with their waste haulers, are attempting to implement collection and recycling programs, but the ability of local governments to respond to the problem is limited by its magnitude.

SB 20 would help solve this problem by establishing a simple and fair recycling fee on the sale of all CRTs that can no longer be legally disposed. Like existing state fees on products that require special handling, the SB 20 fee will be assessed equitably on in-state and out-of-state sales into California, thereby leveling the playing field for in-state manufacturers. The proceeds from these fees will provide relief to local governments by reimbursing e-waste collectors and recyclers for the costs of recycling programs.

We believe that the flexible producer responsibility approach in SB 20 will help solve the growing e-waste problem, and encourage you to sign this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

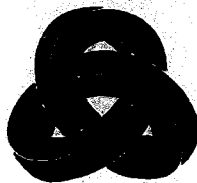
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Gus Morrison
Mayor

c: City Council
City Manager
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September 23, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) California Bottle Bill – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I truly enjoyed spending time with you and Pius Lee in San Francisco's Chinatown on Monday.

I am writing on behalf of Golden Gate Disposal and Recycling Company to express our support for Assembly Bill 28 (Jackson and Sher), which would, among other things, increase the recycling refund value on beverage containers to 4 cents (8 cents on containers 24 ounces and larger). It also provides that if recycling rates of 80% are not achieved by January 1, 2006, then the CRV will automatically step-up to 5 cents and 10 cents respectively. We believe this increase to be the most critical element to boost recycling: the recommendation from the University of California, Berkeley report to increase refund values.

Curbside recycling programs are currently collecting only 38% of glass and 34% of plastic beverage containers returned for recycling. The current scrap value for these materials is insufficient to cover the cost of their recycling. And while the processing payments paid to recyclers help with this cost, these payments are calculated excluding the unique costs of providing convenient curbside recycling.

Increasing the refund value retained by curbside recycling programs would help address this recycling shortfall. At current commingled rates, an SB 20 refund value could provide curbside programs with an additional \$50/ton for glass and \$600/ton for PET plastic recycled—a significant benefit to cash strapped local recycling programs.

We respectfully urge your signature on this important recycling measure.

Sincerely,


John A. Legnitto
Vice President & General Manager

cc: Assembly Member Hannah Beth Jackson
Assembly Member Fran Pavley
Senator Byron Sher
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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Greenfield to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

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Sincerely,



Anna Vega, City Manager
City of Greenfield

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CC:

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September 24, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-Waste Recycling - Support

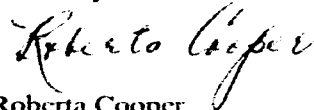
Dear Governor Davis:

We are pleased to learn that Senate Bill (SB) 20 has been approved by the state legislature and that the bill will be submitted for your signature soon.

SB 20 will finance recycling most computer monitors, televisions, and other video devices containing toxic materials. The cost to recycle these items will be assessed at the time of purchase and paid by retailers to the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The revenue received from the fee would be used to make payments to electronic waste dismantlers and collectors of covered electronics. Funds to provide for proper collection and recycling are necessary since CRTs are a hazardous waste and subject to Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations.

On behalf of the City of Hayward, I am writing to urge your approval of SB 20.

Sincerely,



Roberta Cooper
Mayor

cc: City Manager
City Council

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September 15, 2003

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SB 20
Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003
Support

Dear Governor Davis:

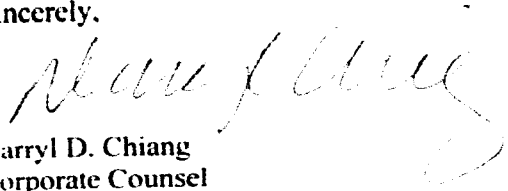
Hitachi urges you to sign SB 20, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, which was passed last week by both the Senate and the Assembly and is pending before you.

Hitachi is a global leader in the manufacture of consumer electronics with several large sales, logistics, R&D and manufacturing operations in California, including a substantial television and home electronics operation in San Diego County.

Hitachi strongly supports responsible electronics recycling and design and believes that recently negotiated amendments to SB 20 have produced a bill that creates a fair and sustainable electronics recycling system. SB 20 promotes an equitable system of shared responsibility by channeling a transparent end-user advance recycling fee, in an amount set by the state, to cover the costs of collecting and recycling electronic waste, while requiring manufacturers to educate consumers, report on e-waste recycling and engage in environmentally sensitive design. SB 20 achieves these goals without giving unfair advantages to specific manufacturers, and without hiding the costs of recycling, thus helping keep critical electronics industry jobs in California.

On behalf of Hitachi, we encourage you to sign this important bill into law. Thank you for your support and leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,


Darryl D. Chiang
Corporate Counsel

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Kengo Ohashi



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September 23, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol Building
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**RE: SB 20 (Sher)
Hazardous Electronic-Waste Recycling – SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

At today's meeting, the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to urge your signature on Senate Bill 20 (Sher) which would require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life.

Picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Humboldt County, like every other city and county in the state, has been forced to develop a cathode ray tube (CRT) collection and recycling infrastructure in order to prevent illegal disposal of this newly designated hazardous waste. The cost for handling obsolete computers and TVs can range from \$10-\$35 per unit. Local agencies are forced to choose between passing these costs along to the public and risking increased illegal disposal, or subsidizing the cost themselves at a rate of approximately \$6000 per month in the County of Humboldt.

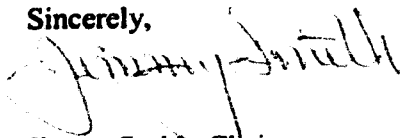
While Humboldt County recognizes and supports the need to protect public health and the environment from the impacts of illegally dumped and disposed hazardous waste, we simply do not have the resources to do the job adequately. Adding hazardous electronic-waste (e-waste) collections will likely double the volume and double the cost of Humboldt County's already under-funded household hazardous waste collection efforts. To underscore the critical nature of this issue, on March 26, 2002 the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors adopted the attached resolution calling on the manufacturers of hazardous electronics and the State Legislature to work together to enact legislation requiring producer responsibility for hazardous electronics recycling either through an advance disposal fee and/or mandatory retailer take-back of obsolete electronics. The Humboldt Waste Management Authority adopted a similar resolution on October 24, 2001.

SB 20 addresses this crisis with a flexible "producer responsibility" approach by requiring a manufacturers of hazardous electronic devices to establish and implement a collection, processing, recovery, reuse, and recycling system for their obsolete and hazardous products. Additionally, the measure calls on manufacturers to phase down the use of hazardous materials in these devices. S 20 would also restrict the export of hazardous electronic waste to developing countries.

The Honorable Gray Davis
September 23, 2003
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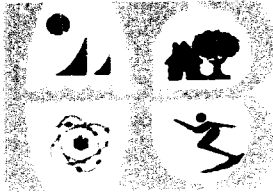
The Board believes it is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature.

Sincerely,

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Jimmy Smith, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

JS/kr



City of Huntington Beach

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September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous Electronic Waste

Dear Governor Davis:

The Huntington Beach City Council unanimously supports support Senate Bill 20 (Sher), which would require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their hazardous electronic products at their end-of-life.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers.

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We believe SB 20 is important for the health of our citizens and the health of the State's environment. We urge you to sign this critical piece of legislation.

Yours truly,

Connie Boardman, Mayor

Xc. Senator Bryon Sher
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September 15, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
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REFERENCE: California Senate Bill 20

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the IBM Corporation to express our strong support for California Senate Bill 20, authored by Senator Sher.

Senate Bill 20 is the favorable result of extensive interaction between diverse constituencies, all of whom share an interest in the responsible recycling of electronic products. Senate Bill 20 is uniquely equipped to provide for the recycling of electronic waste for two key reasons. First, its fundamental approach is one that is practical and can therefore achieve the desired results once it is deployed. Second, it has a sustainable source of funding that covers the necessary costs for all affected constituents for all covered waste products, including "orphaned products," and which can last over time. Senate Bill 20 also includes meaningful provisions that will incent manufacturers to continue to design products with the environment in mind. No other approach under serious discussion in California offers all of these essential ingredients.

Following an effort of approximately two years, there is now broad support for a solution in California, and that solution is Senate Bill 20. It is supported by leaders in both industry and the environmental community. California has the opportunity not only to realistically address the State's electronic waste recycling needs, but also to set a leadership example for others to follow.

IBM supports your signing Senate Bill 20 into law.

Wayne S. Balta

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA. 95814

Re: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Indian Wells to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 20 (Sher) which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices containing toxic materials when they become obsolete.

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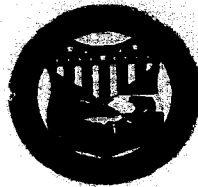
SB 20 is supported by a broad coalition of local governments, businesses, electronic manufacturers, environmentalists, non-profit groups, recyclers, and waste haulers. This unique stakeholder group worked with the California State Legislature to create a meaningful solution to this critical issue facing California. I strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,



Robert A. Bernheimer
Mayor

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SHAD REZA
Chief of Public Works Director

September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

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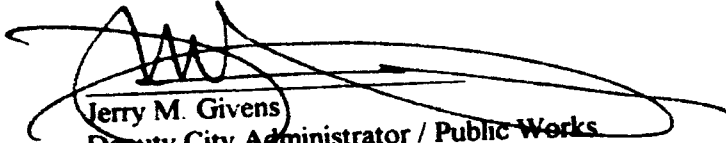
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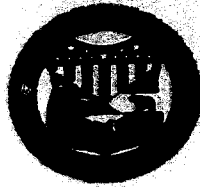
Sincerely,



Jerry M. Givens
Deputy City Administrator / Public Works
City of Inglewood

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste

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City of Inglewood, Public Works Director

September 25, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

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Jerry M. Givens
Deputy City Administrator / Public Works
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cc: Senator Byron Sher
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The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: SB 20 (Sher) - **SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

You have before you for signature SB 20 by Senator Byron Sher, which relates to the collection and recycling of electronic waste. As a member of the California Refuse Removal Council, we respectfully request your signature on this important bill.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control has ruled that Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) containing hazardous concentrations of lead can no longer be disposed of in solid waste landfills. This is resulting in the stockpiling of CRT devices (computer monitors and TV's) with little or no outlet for their disposal or recycling. An estimated 2 to 3 million CRTs become obsolete each year in California. The cost of collecting and recycling CRTs and other hazardous electronics could well exceed \$1 billion over the next five years. The illegal dumping of hazardous electronics is an ever-increasing environmental pollution problem as well.

SB 20 would address this problem by requiring the producers of hazardous e-waste to develop and finance a free and convenient recycling system for their products. This legislation proposes an innovative, market-based approach to addressing a new and growing hazardous pollution problem. This approach is consistent with requirements recently enacted on manufacturers in Europe, and tracks the recommendations outlined by you last fall in your message on SB 1523. We respectfully request your signature on SB 20.

Respectfully,

Rick Ross
Vice-President/General Manager

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author



SEPTEMBER 23, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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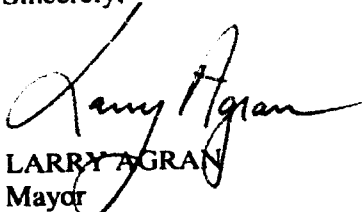
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Sincerely,


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September 3, 2003

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates
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**SB 20
Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003
Support**

Dear Assembly Member Bates:

The Japanese Maquiladora Association (JMA) representing 69 manufacturers including leading companies such as Hitachi, JVC, Mitsubishi, Panasonic, Sanyo, Sharp, and Sony, requests your support for SB 20. This measure provides for a full advance recovery fee to facilitate the costs of proper management of end of life electronics products.

As you may know, JMA member companies employ more than 40,000 persons manufacturing TVs at maquiladora plants in Baja California. Furthermore, most of our member companies maintain facilities in the San Diego area for design, engineering and administrative purposes.

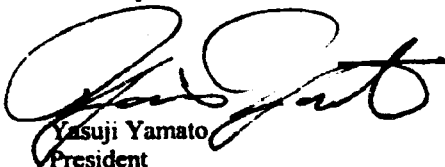
JMA members recognize the importance of electronics recycling and have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to implement product designs with greater recyclability and use increasing proportions of recycled materials.

Recent negotiated amendments to SB 20 have produced a bill that strikes a fair balance between the desire to recycle electronic waste and the responsibility of electronics manufacturers to assist in that recycling.

By passing SB 20, the California Assembly will move the state forward toward adoption of legislation that will address the state's needs in effectively and efficiently managing waste electronics. SB 20 could also serve as a potential model for electronics industry and waste management advocates working toward similar goals in states across the country.

JMA urges your AYE vote on this important bill.

Sincerely,



Yasuji Yamato
President
Japanese Maquiladora Association

C: Senator Sher



JVC AMERICAS CORP.

HARVEY D. MITNICK
General Counsel
Corporate Secretary
Director

September 17, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capital Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SB 20
Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003**

SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis,

JVC Americas Corp. respectfully requests your signature on SB 20 (Sher), relating to electronic waste recycling.

JVC, a world leader in the manufacture of consumer electronic products with 13 sales, service, distribution, and R&D offices in California, recognizes the importance of electronic recycling. SB20 is the favorable result of extensive discussions between the bill's authors, product manufacturers, the California EPA, waste management companies, and environmental organizations, all of which shared a common goal – implementation of a convenient, workable, and fully funded system for collection and recycling of televisions, monitors, and other display devices in California. As the first legislation in the United States to fully address this important issue, passage of SB20 will once again put California at the forefront of environmental protection. Following are some of the key provisions of SB20 which we believe make it imperative that you sign this important legislation

- 1. SB20 establishes a convenient, cost effective, and fully funded system for collection, transportation, and recycling of electronic products.**
- 2. SB20 ensures that historic and orphan products are adequately covered under the recycling system.**
- 3. SB20 creates strong incentives to ensure participation by out-of-state manufacturers and retailers in collecting advanced recycling fees.**
- 4. SB20 allows manufacturers that have invested in recycling infrastructures the opportunity to capitalize on their investments by applying for and receiving recycling payments for products collected from California residents and businesses and then recycled.**
- 5. SB20 imposes new responsibilities on manufacturers of electronic products to reduce and/or eliminate hazardous materials from products and for reporting on hazardous material content and use of recycled materials.**

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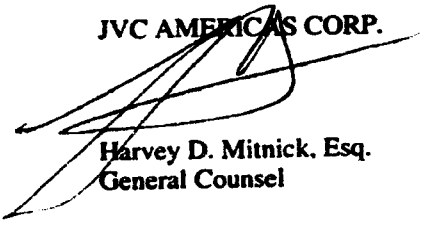
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For the reasons noted above, we urge you to sign SB20.

By signing this important legislation you will move California and the Nation forward in meeting the need to effectively and efficiently manage waste electronics.

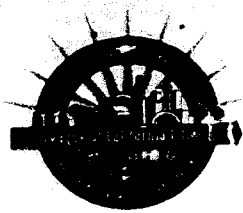
Very truly yours,

JVC AMERICAS CORP.

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Harvey D. Mitnick, Esq.
General Counsel

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RE: ~~SB 20~~ (Sher). E-Waste
Request For Signature

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the League of California Cities, I respectfully request that you sign SB 20.

SB 20 would establish a program for the collection and recycling of electronic waste (e-waste). The program proposed in SB 20 is workable and would ensure that e-waste is properly handled and would not result in additional costs to local governments to collect, process and recycled such materials.

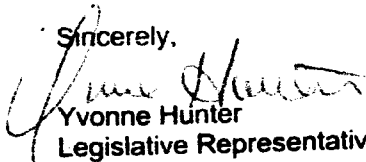
The problem of electronic waste is a large one and is getting larger. While local governments, either alone or in partnership with their waste haulers, are attempting to implement collection and recycling programs, the ability of local governments to respond to the problem is rapidly becoming limited by the magnitude of the situation and the costs involved.

The approach proposed by SB 20 is one that includes a combination of up front fees to help cover the cost of collection and recycling of e-waste, as well as manufacturer and local government responsibility. The bill will stimulate a more robust collection and recycling infrastructure to handle the e-waste problem.

The League has worked closely with the author's office, various stakeholders, CalEPA and the Waste Board on the specific provisions of SB 20. We believe it is a balanced bill that will facilitate the collection and recycling of e-waste. In doing so, it will put California at the forefront addressing this important problem.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that you sign SB 20.

Sincerely,


Yvonne Hunter
Legislative Representative

Cc: Senator Sher
Patty Zwarts, Legislative Director, Cal EPA
Carol Mortensen, Legislative Director, CIWMB

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
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Re: SB 20 (Sher) - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

You have before you for signature SB 20 by Senator Byron Sher, which relates to the collection and recycling of electronic waste. As a member of the California Refuse Removal Council, we respectfully request your signature on this important bill.

The California Department of Toxic Substance Control has ruled that Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) containing hazardous concentrations of lead can no longer be disposed of in solid waste landfills. This is resulting in the stockpiling of CRT devices (computer monitors and TV's) with little or no outlet for their disposal or recycling. An estimated 2 to 3 million CRTs become obsolete each year in California. The cost of collecting and recycling CRTs and other hazardous electronics could well exceed \$1 billion over the next five years. The illegal dumping of hazardous electronics is an ever-increasing environmental pollution problem as well.

SB 20 would address this problem by requiring the producers of hazardous e-waste to develop and finance a free and convenient recycling system for their products. This legislation proposes an innovative, market-based approach to addressing a new and growing hazardous pollution problem. This approach is consistent with requirements recently enacted on manufacturers in Europe, and tracks the recommendations outlined by you last fall in your message on SB 1523. We respectfully request your signature on SB 20.

Respectfully,

Alan Marchant
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cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis

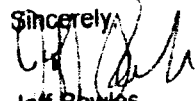
I am writing on behalf of the Marin County Hazardous and Solid Waste Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

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Since Cal EPA classified used CRTs as hazardous waste, the Marin JPA has actively lobbied and supported legislation to lessen the financial burden CRT collection places on local government. It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Nonetheless, the cost of collecting CRTs should not shouldered by local government alone. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,


Jeff Rawles
Program Manager

C Marin JPA Board Members
Senator Byron Sher

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"Recycling Saves Resources"

September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: **SB 20** (Sher) - **SUPPORT**

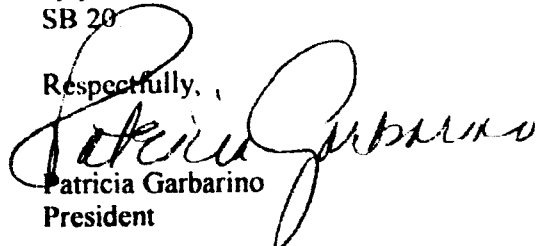
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Respectfully,



Patricia Garbarino
President

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author



September 22, 2003

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SUPPORT SB 20 (SHER) HAZARDOUS E-WASTE RECYCLING

Dear Governor Davis:

The City of Mission Viejo supports Senate Bill 20 (Sher), which would enact the Hazardous Electronic Waste Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Act of 2003. This act would require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life and would prohibit anyone from selling a hazardous electronic device in California to a consumer unless it was in compliance with the act.

Although the state previously banned the disposal of these hazardous items at local landfills, that action is not sufficient to mitigate the human and environmental health hazards. Mission Viejo supports Senate Bill because it offers an opportunity to significantly reduce the quantity of hazardous picture tubes (CRT's) in computer monitors and televisions being deposited in landfills throughout the state by requiring manufacturers of hazardous electronic devices sold in the state to establish and implement a hazardous electronic device recovery system to safely collect, handle, transport, process, recover, reuse, and recycle the hazardous electronic waste. It is important that a convenient, low-cost system be developed to limit the illegal dumping of this type of hazardous materials.

I encourage you to sign Senate Bill 20 into law.

Sincerely,

John Paul Ledesma
Mayor

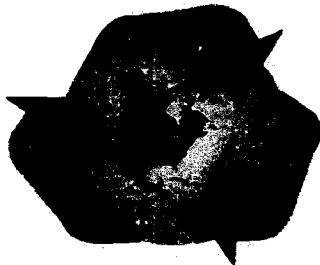
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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority (JPA) to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher. The JPA comprises the Town of Apple Valley, City of Barstow, City of Big Bear Lake, City of Needles, City of Twentynine Palms, City of Victorville, Town of Yucca Valley, and County of San Bernardino.

SB 20 will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete. The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the sole responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess.

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September 19, 2003

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

John Davis By: S. Martin

John Davis

Administrator, Mojave Desert and Mountain Recycling Authority

cc: Senator Byron Sher
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September 25, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

SB 20 (Sher) – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

In June 2003, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors formally endorsed Senate Bill 20 (Sher) – Hazardous E-waste Recycling. I am writing on behalf of the Board to encourage you to sign SB 20, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and televisions contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the State banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Monterey County is known internationally for its beauty and high environmental quality. Increasingly, we find discarded CRTs alongside our public roads, in our streams and drainage ways.

Local governments have inadvertently become the sole responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess. SB 20 would address this by requiring that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted.

The Board of Supervisors urges you to sign SB 20 into law and thanks you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

Fernando Armenta
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Chair, Board of Supervisors

c: Senator Byron Sher
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DENNIS KENNEDY
MAYOR

September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
State Capital
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RE: SB 20 (Support)

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing to urge your support for SB 20, E-Waste Recycling. As you know, the "discovery" that the lead in monitors and televisions made them a hazardous waste has placed an unforeseen and undue burden on both California residents and local agencies. While it is imperative that these products be handled safely and appropriately, the sudden change in the regulatory environment has been challenging. Today, Morgan Hill residents needing to dispose of a broken computer monitors or televisions can be charged up to \$50 at the local transfer station.

We believe that a law like SB 20 that requires manufacturers to be responsible for the ultimate waste management of their products is particularly appropriate because it not only reduces the burden on consumers, it also provides manufacturers with an incentive to design their products to be less hazardous, more durable, and easier to recycle. When it comes to monitors and televisions, the economic dynamics created by this bill may result in larger numbers of LCD displays being purchased which are less hazardous and require less energy to operate.

I strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,



DENNIS KENNEDY
Mayor

- C: Winston Hickox, Secretary California EPA (Fax)
- Senator Byron Sher
- Senator Bruce McPherson
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- Assemblymember John Laird
- Rebecca Elliot, League of California Cities
- Californians Against Waste



NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL

September 17, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the over 550,000 members of NRDC (Natural Resources Defense Council), more than 110,000 of whom are Californians, we are writing to request your signature on SB 20 by Senator Sher. This bill would help reduce the public health and environmental hazards posed by toxic e-waste by establishing a funding mechanism to help local governments with the handling, transportation, processing, recovery and recycling of hazardous electronic devices.

Electronic waste or E-waste poses a growing and problem for California, as well as the rest of the world. More than 4.6 million tons of electronic scrap is discarded in the US annually. Much of this e-waste contains toxic substances, including lead, mercury, and cadmium.

The Cathode Ray Tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and TVs have been found to contain toxic levels of lead and other toxic materials. The lead from CRTs has been found to leak when put in landfills, thus threatening to contaminate our soil and groundwater. According to the USEPA, 40% of the lead in US landfills is from discarded electronic products. Appropriately, DTSC banned the dumping of CRT devices in landfills in March of 2001.

The provisions of SB 20 will help ensure that toxic discards are properly managed for reuse or recycling. Additionally, the bill would phase out hazardous materials used in the manufacture of electronic devices sold in the state and ensure that hazardous e-waste is not exported to other countries unless producers demonstrate that it will be handled in a manner that is protective of public health and the environment

For the reasons stated, we urge you to sign SB 20. Thank you for considering our views.

Sincerely,

Allen Herszkowitz, Ph.D
Senior Scientist

Ann Notthoff
California Advocacy Director

cc: Senator Sher

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
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Subject: Support for SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the City of Norwalk, I would like to express our support for Senate Bill 20, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

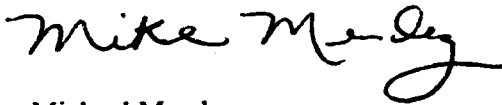
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Mendez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Mendez
Mayor

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JOE DE VITO
MAYOR

September 23, 2003

Governor Cray Davis
State Capitol
Sacramento CA 95814

Subject: Notice of Support for SB 20, Electronic Waste

Dear Governor Davis:

The City of Ojai is eager to lend its support for SB 20 to establish a program for the collection and recycling of electronic waste (e-waste). Our City has long supported bills that protect the environment for current and future Californians.

The problem of electronic waste is a large one and is getting larger. While local governments, either alone or in partnership with their waste haulers, are attempting to implement collection and recycling programs, the ability of local governments to respond to the problem is rapidly becoming limited by the magnitude of the problem. Thus, the approach proposed by SB 20 is one that provides flexibility for profiting manufactures. The importance of this program cannot be over emphasized, since without an adequate collection system, local governments would be left with the burden of providing that service.

The Ojai City Council thanks you for your leadership in this area and enthusiastically supports SB 20. Please sign this much needed legislation.

Sincerely,

City of Ojai

Joe DeVito
Mayor

cc: Heidi Whitman, Recycling Coordinator



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The Honorable Gray Davis
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RE: SB20 (SHER) HAZARDOUS E-WASTE RECYCLING - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Palm Springs to urge you sign into law **SB20 (SHER)**, which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for unwanted/unuseable television sets, computer monitors and other video devices containing toxic materials.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the State banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess. This, then, rebounds onto the backs of the taxpayers.

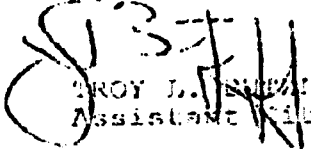
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SB 20 is supported by a broad coalition of local governments, businesses, electronic manufacturers, environmentalists, nonprofit groups, recyclers and waste haulers. This unique stakeholder group worked with the California State

Governor Davis
Re: SB20 - Support
City of Palm Springs
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Legislature to create a meaningful solution to this critical issue facing California. We strongly SUPPORT SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,


TROY D. STAFF
Assistant City Manager

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Don Iwatani
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September 15, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis
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SB 20 Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 Request to Sign

Dear Governor Davis:

Matsushita Electric Corporation of America, best known for its Panasonic products, is pleased to offer its support for SB 20, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003.

Panasonic, a global leader in the manufacture of consumer electronics over 19 separate R&D, manufacturing, sales and logistics operations in California and the San Diego border area recognizes the importance of electronics recycling. We have been actively involved in developing a recycling infrastructure for electronic products in the United States. Over the past three years Panasonic has sponsored collection and recycling programs in over 100 communities across the country, including over 30 in California alone. We have already spent tens of millions of dollars to implement product designs with greater recyclability and to utilize increasing proportions of recycled materials. For example, many of our television tubes now contain approximately 10 % post-consumer CRT recycled content glass.

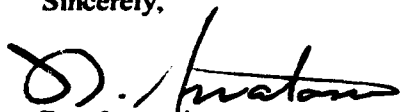
Recent negotiated amendments to SB 20 have produced a bill that strikes a fair balance between the desire to recycle electronic waste and the responsibility of electronics manufacturers to play an affirmative role in the development of a viable recycling system.

These amendments show significant improvements over SB 1523, a bill last year that addressed recycling of used electronic products. In particular the expanded scope of products in SB20 now insures equal treatment of TVs and computer monitors, a serious flaw in last year's bill. SB 20 will allow those manufacturers who see business opportunity in recycling electronic products an opportunity to do so. And SB 20 provides a funding mechanism that addresses all sales of covered products into the California market, minimizing the enforcement difficulties of other proposals that called for companies to establish individual recycling plans.

By signing SB 20 into law, you and the Legislature will move California and the Nation forward in meeting the need to effectively and efficiently manage waste electronics.

On behalf Matsushita Electric Corporation of America and Panasonic, I urge your signature to approve this important legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Iwatani". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Don Iwatani
Chairman and CEO
Matsushita Electric Corporation of America**

cc: Senator Byron Sher

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Philips Consumer Electronics North America

September 16, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
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SB 20 Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003

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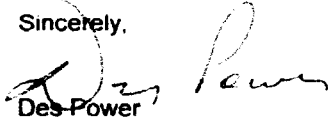
Dear Governor Davis:

Philips Consumer Electronics respectfully requests your signature on SB 20 (Sher), relating to electronic waste recycling. SB20 is the favorable result of extensive discussions between the bill's authors, product manufacturers, the California EPA, waste management companies, and environmental organizations, all of which share a common goal – implementation of a convenient, workable, and fully funded system for collection and recycling of televisions, monitors, and other display devices in California. As the first legislation in the United States to fully address this important issue, passage of SB20 will once again put California at the forefront of environmental protection. If signed into law, SB 20 accomplishes this by:

- Establishing a convenient, cost effective, and fully funded system for collection, transportation, and recycling of electronic products;
- Ensuring that historic and orphan products are adequately covered under the recycling system;
- Creating strong incentives to ensure participation by out-of-state manufacturers and retailers in collecting advance recycling fees;
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- Imposing new responsibilities on manufacturers of electronic products to reduce and/or eliminate hazardous materials from products and for reporting on hazardous material content and use of recycled materials.

For the reasons noted above, Philips urges you to sign SB20 and, once again, establish California's leadership in this important subject area

Sincerely,


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**The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
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Re: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous e-Waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

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I am writing to you on behalf of The City of Pico Rivera to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 20 (Sher) which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices containing toxic materials when they become obsolete.

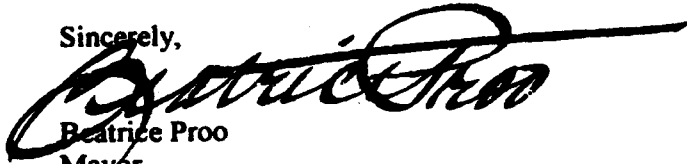
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SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous e-Waste Recycling – SUPPORT
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SB 20 is supported by a broad coalition of local governments, businesses, electronic manufacturers, environmentalists, non-profit groups, recyclers, and waste haulers. This unique stakeholder group worked with the California State Legislature to create a meaningful solution to this critical issue facing California. I strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,



Beatrice Proo
Mayor

cc: Californians Against Waste

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September 24, 2003

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The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

SUBJECT: SB 20 (SHER) HAZARDOUS E-WASTE RECYCLING - SUPPORT

I am writing on behalf of the City of Placentia to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

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Sincerely,

Robert D'Amato
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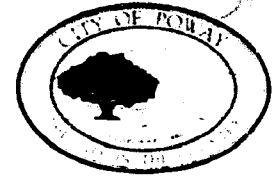
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September 23, 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
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**RE: SB 20 (SHER) – ELECTRONIC WASTE
CITY OF POWAY – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Davis:

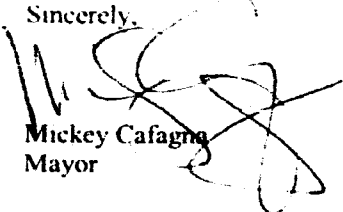
On behalf of the City of Poway, I would like to inform you of our City's support for **SB 20 (Kuehl) – Electronic Waste**. On June 3, 2003, the Poway City Council voted to support SB 20 because this legislation would establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices containing toxic materials when they become obsolete.

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Sincerely,


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Mayor

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 **R.J. Proto**
CONSULTING GROUP, INC.

September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ~~SB 20~~ (Sher) - SUPPORT

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Respectfully,



Ronald J. Proto
President

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author





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Jerry Moffatt
Vice President

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author



September 16, 2003

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Respectfully,

REPBULIC SERVICES, INC.


William B. Terry
Area President

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SENATE BILL 20 (SHER) - REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Davis:

The Regional Council of Rural Counties (RCRC) respectfully requests your signature on Senate Bill 20 (Sher), which we believe would establish a viable program for the disposal and recycling of electronic wastes.

SB 20 would require electronics manufacturers to pay a fee to support the collection, recycling, and reuse of electronic wastes. This bill would also authorize the state to enact tougher industry guidelines for electronic waste disposal, which would encourage more proactive planning of electronic waste strategies. This approach would place the responsibility for recycling electronic waste on manufacturers and their consumers, rather than on local governments.

RCRC supports this bill's purpose of encouraging cooperation between local governments and manufacturers to manage electronic waste. Without this cooperation, rural counties would have difficulty meeting the bill's goals for diverting electronic waste. These difficulties stem from the dispersed populations in rural counties, small waste collection programs, and a shortage of retail electronics stores capable of accepting electronic waste for recycling. SB 20 allows manufacturers and state regulators adequate flexibility to address these unique rural concerns.

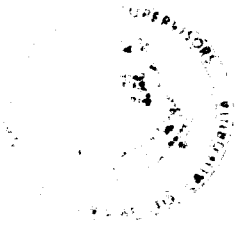
Managing electronic waste is important to RCRC members because of the high potential for illegal dumping on public lands or roadways in their jurisdictions. We look forward to actively participating in regulatory proceedings to help ensure that the concerns of rural counties are addressed once SB 20 becomes law.

Sincerely,

Rich Mason
Director of Legislative Affairs

cc: The Honorable Byron Sher

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September 29, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB-20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for obsolete television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices that contain toxic materials.

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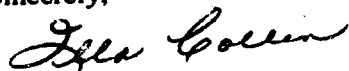


The Honorable Gray Davis
September 29, 2003
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It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,



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**Sacramento Recycling
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September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: **SB 20 (Sher) - SUPPORT**

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Respectfully,

Shawn Guttersten
Vice President

cc: Senator Byron Sher, Author





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September 16, 2003

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SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR SB 20 (SHER) – CONSUMER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Honorable Governor Davis;

On behalf of the Sacramento Regional Solid Waste Authority (SWA) representing the solid waste interests of the County of Sacramento, the City of Sacramento, and the City of Citrus Heights, I am writing to urge you to sign SB 20 (Sher) – Consumer Electronic Devices.

This proposed legislation would provide funding to stimulate increased diversion of covered electronic waste, such as cathode ray tubes, computer monitors, and other electronic devices and establish a comprehensive approach to disposal and recycling of these types of electronic devices. This bill will clarify the roles and responsibilities of manufacturers, retailers, collectors, municipalities and recyclers in the management of consumer electronic devices and establish a model program for the handling of other types of special wastes.

Again, I urge you to sign this important legislation.

Respectfully,

David A. Pelsler, PE, DEE
General Manager/Engineer

c: SWA Board Directors
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Office of the City Manager

September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Senate Bill 20 (Sher) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Davis:

The Legislature has passed and sent to you for your consideration Senate Bill 20 (Sher) relating to hazardous and solid waste. The City of San José supports SB 20 and recommends this measure to you for your signature.

Senate Bill 20, the E-Waste Bill, establishes a program for the collection and recycling of hazardous electronic waste such as television sets and computers when they become obsolete. The cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and televisions contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. When the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards, local governments such as the City of San José were forced to assume much of the cost to handle these items appropriately.

Senate Bill 20 has four important components. First, the bill establishes a fee on televisions and computers at the time of purchase to fund the collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. Secondly, the bill requires manufacturers to phase out the use of certain hazardous materials to be consistent with the European model. Third, the bill will require manufacturers to report on their efforts to reduce hazardous materials and will increase the recyclability of their products. And fourth, the bill prohibits the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations unless such items will be recycled with at least the same degree of safety as would be required in California. We support each of these initiatives.

San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority

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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Governor Davis
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 28 (Jackson) Bottle Bill Refund Value Increase – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

The San Luis Obispo County Integrated Waste Management Authority (IWMA) voted to support Assembly Bill 28 (SB 23 Sher) which would, among other things, increase the recycling refund value on beverage containers to 4 cents (8 cents on containers 20 ounces and larger). Membership of the IWMA includes the County of San Luis Obispo, all 7 Cities in the County and 8 Special Districts.

Based on the 80% and higher recycling experience of other Bottle Bill State's with nickel refund values on beverage containers, we are confident that California would enjoy similar results.

While much of the focus of AB 28 is on increasing beverage container recycling, this measure will also assist local governments and private sector operators of curbside recycling programs in helping to offset the cost of providing existing beverage container recycling efforts.

Our local communities have adopted curbside recycling programs and other recycling programs. Because of these programs our communities have exceeded the 50% diversion requirement since 1998. However, these programs are costly and to the extent that funding support for local programs can be provided under AB 28, we would be very supportive.

We strongly support AB 28 and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

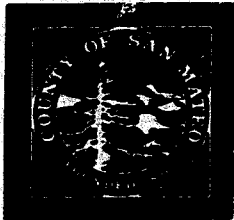
Sincerely,



William Worrell

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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol Building
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**Re: ~~SB 20~~ (Sher)—Hazardous electronic waste recovery, reuse, and recycling —
SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I write to urge you to sign SB 20 (Sher), which would enact the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to provide for the convenient recycling of electronic waste in California.

San Mateo County has taken efforts to address the electronic waste problem. Unwanted hazardous electronic devices (e-waste) can be recycled in a number of locations throughout San Mateo County including the San Carlos transfer station. None of the County's electronics go "overseas" for disposal/recycling. In 2001 approximately 230 tons of electronics were recycled in the County.

Adoption and implementation of SB 20 (Sher) would greatly increase e-waste recycling in San Mateo County. It would make recycling e-waste more convenient and eliminate the impact of recycling costs at the time of recycling.

Again, San Mateo County supports SB 20 (Sher) and urges you to sign it into law. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me or Ross Nakasone (Rnakasone@co.sanmateo.ca.us) of the County Manager's Office.

Sincerely,

Rose Jacobs Gibson
President

C Senator Sher



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Dorn Driggs, Administrative Manager

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Subject: SUPPORT FOR E-RECYCLING – SB 20

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the City of Santa Barbara to express our support for Senate Bill 20 to require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life.

Cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning-up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. The City of Santa Barbara **strongly supports SB 20** and thanks you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

Dan Secord, M.D.
Mayor Pro Tempore

cc: **Members, Senate Environmental Quality Committee**
Californians Against Waste
League of California Cities
J. Armstrong, City Administrator
Don Olson, City Special Projects Manager
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Stephen MacIntosh, Solid Waste Specialist
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Legislative Advocacy Governmental Affairs

September 15, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of my client, the County of Santa Barbara, I would like to urge your signature on ~~SB~~ 20 by Senator Byron Sher.

SB 20 would state the intent of the Legislature to ensure that funds are available to safely collect and recycle hazardous waste contained in electronic wastes and to promote the reuse of electronic waste. This is a very critical issue given the lack of resources we have in our state landfills.

Again, for these reasons and many more we urge you to sign SB 20 (Sher) when the bill arrives on your desk. Please feel free to contact me at 916-448-8240 if you should have any other questions or concerns. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg, Legislative Advocate
County of Santa Barbara

Cc: Senator Byron Sher
Assembly Member Abel Maldonado
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September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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State Capitol Building
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RE: SB 20 (Sher) – REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Davis:

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors strongly supports SB 20 (Sher), relating to electronic waste.

Electronic waste is a growing problem worldwide, and particularly onerous for California's cities and counties who are often responsible for the disposal of these items. By requiring manufacturers to impose a fee which would fund a statewide recycling effort, SB 20 will initiate a procedure to collect, process and recycle electronic products, thereby lifting the fiscal responsibility from cash-strapped local governments.

SB 20 would establish a comprehensive mechanism for recycling electronic waste. We urge your signature on this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Blanca Alvarado
Chairperson, Board of Supervisors

c: Senator Byron Sher
Santa Clara County Legislative Delegation
Board of Supervisors
Michael Rattigan, Legislative Representative





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September 18, 2003

Honorable Gray Davis
Governor
State of California
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**SB 20
Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003
Request to Sign**

Dear Governor Davis:

Sanyo Fisher Company, a division of Sanyo North America Corporation, best known for its Sanyo-Brand and Fisher-Brand products, is pleased to offer its support for SB 20, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003.

SANYO, a global leader in the manufacture of consumer electronics with over 10 separate R&D, manufacturing, sales and logistics operations in California and the San Diego/Tijuana border area recognizes the importance of electronics recycling. We have already spent millions of dollars to implement product designs with greater recyclability and to utilize increasing proportions of recycled materials.

Recent negotiated amendments to SB 20 have produced a bill that strikes a fair balance between the desire to recycle electronic waste and the responsibility of electronics manufacturers to play an affirmative role in the development of a viable recycling system.

These amendments show significant improvements over SB 1523, a bill last year that addressed recycling of used electronic products. In particular the expanded scope of products in SB20 now insures equal treatment of TVs and computer monitors, a serious flaw in last year's bill. SB 20 will allow those manufacturers who see business opportunity in recycling electronic products an opportunity to do so. And SB 20 provides a funding mechanism that addresses all sales of covered products into the California market, minimizing the enforcement difficulties of other proposals that called for companies to establish individual recycling plans.

By signing SB 20 into law, you and the Legislature will move California and the Nation forward in meeting the need to effectively and efficiently manage waste electronics.

On behalf of Sanyo Fisher Company, a division of Sanyo North America Corporation, I urge your signature to approve this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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Shin Oka
President
Sanyo Fisher Company
a division of Sanyo North America Corporation

cc: Senator Byron Sher



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September 22, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

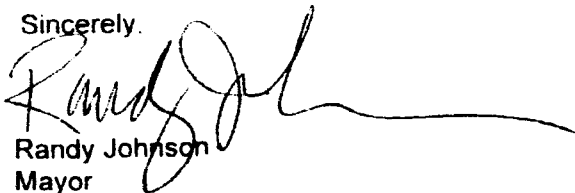
I am writing on behalf of the City of Scotts Valley to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the sole responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. The fee may be adjusted by the Integrated Waste Management Board in the future based on the actual cost of collecting and recycling the devices. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations and will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and generally design for recycling. Manufactures are given incentives to redesign their products to have the lowest recycling costs and least toxic materials.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,



Randy Johnson
Mayor

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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor, State of California
State of California
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 20 Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003

SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

Sharp Electronics Corporation respectfully requests your signature on **SB 20** authored by Senator Byron Sher relating to the recycling of end-of-life electronic products.

Sharp is a manufacturer and distributor of home and office electronic products, appliances and solar batteries. We have 3 facilities located in California including our Western Regional office in Huntington Beach, which is also the base of operations for our solar division. Our other facilities are located in San Diego and San Jose.

As you may recall, last year Sharp requested that your veto on SB 1523, legislation that had some similar features to the current legislation. However, Sharp, in negotiations with the bill's author, the California EPA, recyclers, and environmental organizations, have made significant changes to last year's proposal which we believe better achieve the goals outlined in your veto letter last year.

SB20 establishes a convenient, cost effective and fully funded system for the collection, transportation, and recycling of end-of-life electronic products.

One of Sharp's main concerns with last year's bill was the lack of factual data supporting the cost estimates for the system. Sharp, along with other members of the industry, using existing data from established electronic recycling systems around the world, have thoroughly analyzed this aspect of the legislation. After discussions with the California EPA, recyclers, and the author Sharp is confident that the fees in SB are sufficient to ensure adequate funding of the system while being reasonable for the consumer. We also believe that once the system is established, these fees could be substantially reduced.

SB20 provides manufacturers with an opportunity to demonstrate their commitment to producer responsibility.

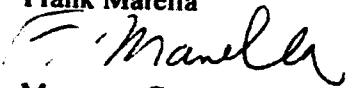
Unlike last year's legislation SB20 exploits manufacturers inherent skills in product design to reduce the impact of end-of-life electronic products on the environment. Sharp is pleased to continue work to reduce the hazardous constituents in our products, increase our use of recycled content, improve our product's recyclability, and make the information of our efforts available to the public. We believe that these

efforts will improve not only the products that we sell in California, but also the ones we sell throughout the world.

It is for the reasons that we noted above that Sharp urges you to sign SB 20, and again demonstrate California's leadership on national environmental issues.

Sincerely,

Frank Marella



Manager, Corporate Environmental Affairs
Sharp Electronics Corporation



SIERRA CLUB
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September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis, Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 20 (Sher) – Strong Support

Dear Governor Davis:

Sierra Club California strongly supports SB 20 (Sher), and urges you to sign the Hazardous Electronic Waste Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Act of 2003. As you said last year, "Local governments report increasing costs to handle, transport and recycle discarded electronic equipment." SB 20 would use an advance recycling fee to fund recycling and relieve those fiscally-strapped local governments.

Obsolete electronics contain a variety of toxic substances, including lead, cadmium, barium, and mercury. 40% of the lead in U.S. landfills is from discarded electrical and electronic products, the majority of which were from television cathode ray tubes. A report to the U.S. EPA stated that about 70% of the heavy metals found in landfills (including mercury and cadmium) come from electronic equipment discards. Lead has been found in landfill leachate in California. It has also been found in monitoring wells for landfills in California, according to data collected from the Central Valley and San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control Boards.

Toxic electronic scrap from the U. S. is being exported to developing countries, such as China, India, and Pakistan. There, family-based businesses of over 100,000 laborers have formed to recycle the e-waste by hand, with no protective gear or clothing. The result? Groundwater so badly polluted that water has to be trucked in from other regions, and alarming and growing incidences of health problems, especially among children.

SB 20, though it does not now include all of the manufacturer responsibility provisions we supported in earlier versions of the bill, would make California the first state to enact a comprehensive recycling program for important waste streams of discarded electronic devices. As the birthplace of so many technology products, California should set the standard for safe recycling of those devices when they reach the end of their useful lives.

Sincerely,

Bill Magavern
Senior Legislative Representative

Cc: Senator Byron Sher





Sisters of Mercy of the Americas
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Regional Community of Burlingame

September 15, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
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Re: ~~_____~~ (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of Sisters of Mercy, Burlingame to urge you to sign into law Senate Bill 20 (Sher) which will establish a solution to the emerging problem of toxic electronic waste. It provides for a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets, computer monitors, and other video devices containing toxic materials when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in most computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. Additionally, this bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations. It will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products for recycling and reward them for reducing toxics.

SB 20 is supported by a broad coalition of local governments, businesses, electronic manufacturers, environmentalists, non-profit groups, recyclers, and waste haulers. This unique stakeholder group worked with the California State Legislature to create a meaningful solution to this critical issue facing California. I strongly support SB 20 and urge your signature when it comes before you.

Sincerely,

Vicki I. Cummings
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September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Re: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Most Honorable Governor Davis:

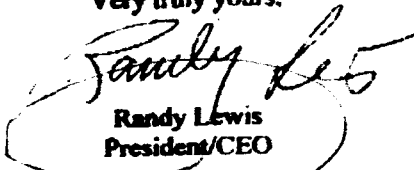
I am writing on behalf of SoCal Computer Recyclers to urge you to sign Senate Bill 20, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for end-of-life consumer electronics.

California DTSC banned the disposal of CRT devices in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess on the backs of the taxpayers. Local budgets are already stressed; the addition of several thousand dollars monthly for the proper recycling of electronics makes this issue even more pressing.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The fee may be adjusted by the Integrated Waste Management Board in the future based on the actual cost of collecting and recycling the devices. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations and will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and generally design for recycling. Manufactures are given incentives to redesign their products to have the lowest recycling costs and least toxic materials.

Your record shows that you support well-planned and logical environmental causes. I believe this bill will set the standard for future electronic recycling initiatives in the rest of the country. I strongly support SB 20 and urge your support on this critical issue facing California.

Very truly yours,


Randy Lewis
President/CEO

cc. Californians Against Waste

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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
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**RE: SB 20 (Sher): Solid Waste: Hazardous Electronic Waste
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Davis,

The Solid Waste Association of North America (SWANA) is composed of approximately 6700 public and private sector solid waste management professionals throughout North America dedicated to the development and enhancement of environmentally and economically sound practices and policies for the integrated management of municipal solid waste. There are approximately 900 members of SWANA in California.

As amended on September 9, 2003, the California Chapters of SWANA are pleased to offer their support and request your signature of SB 20 (Sher). This bill would enact the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 to provide for the convenient recycling of covered electronic devices in California.

Thank you for your consideration of SWANA's position.

Sincerely,

Yvette Gómez Agredano
Legislative Advocate
SWANA, California Chapters

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Mike Mohajer, CA SWANA Legislative Task Force Chair
Mark Urquhart, CA SWANA Legislative Task Force Secretary

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September 16, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards; however, the cost to local government has been significant. CRTs are more expensive than any other waste accepted at our disposal sites. The fee charged is so high, CRTs are being hidden in the garbage or dumped on roadsides. More than 20% of the units recycled at our landfill are caught by our load checking program, and only 10% of loads are being checked.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ken Wells", is written over a light-colored background.

Ken Wells, Director
Sonoma County Waste Management Agency

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste



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September 15, 2003

Honorable Governor Gray Davis
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814


RE: ~~SB 20 (S&T)~~ Solid Waste: Electronic Waste Products-NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the South Bay Cities Council of Governments, I would like to express support for **SB 20**. This bill would ensure that funds are available to assist cities in developing electronic waste recycling programs, as well as promote the refurbishment and reuse of electronic equipment for use by schools and non-profit agencies.

Many electronic waste products contain hazardous materials that will pose risks to the public and the environment if disposed of improperly. **SB 20** will address these issues, as well as promote the equipment's re-use by agencies in need. Therefore, the South Bay Cities Council of Governments strongly supports **SB 20**.

Sincerely,


John Parsons, Chair
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Councilman, Redondo Beach

Cc: Senators Bowen, Karnette, Vincent
Assemblymembers Horton, Lowenthal, Nakano, Oropeza
League of California Cities

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West Bay Sanitary District

County of San Mateo

September 29, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of the South Bayside Waste Management Authority to express our support for Senate Bill 20, by State Senator Byron Sher, which will establish a free and convenient collection and recycling program for television sets and computers when they become obsolete.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills due to the human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the sole responsible parties and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic mess.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. The initial fee, effective April 1, 2004, is set between \$6 and \$10 based on device size. The fee may be adjusted by the Integrated Waste Management Board in the future based on the actual cost of collecting and recycling the devices. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations and will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their products to reduce toxic materials, use recycled materials, and generally design for recycling. Manufacturers are given incentives to redesign their products to have the lowest recycling costs and least toxic materials.

It is essential that our state leaders stand up for the health of its citizens and the health of its environment. Industry must be held accountable for their products. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,


Michael P. Garvey, Chair

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September 19, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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Councilmember

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Councilmember

Jack Walker
Councilmember

Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Hazardous E-waste Recycling - SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:


I am writing to express the City of Sunnyvale's support for Senate Bill 20 (Sher). This bill would require manufacturers of hazardous electronics to take responsibility for the safe handling and recycling of their products at their end-of-life.

The cathode ray tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the state banned their disposal in landfills to prevent further environmental and human health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Local governments have inadvertently become the responsible parties, and are being forced to underwrite the increasingly costly task of cleaning up the electronics industry's toxic waste.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free and convenient collection and recycling of e-waste when the items are no longer wanted. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic e-waste to developing nations.

We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law and thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Very truly yours,


Julia E. Miller
Mayor

cc: Senator Byron Sher
Californians Against Waste



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September 19, 2003

Governor Gray Davis
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**SB 20
Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003
SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

Thomson Inc. is pleased to offer its support for SB20 (Sher), the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, and respectfully requests your signature on this important bill. SB20 is the favorable result of extensive discussions between the bill's authors, product manufacturers, the California EPA, waste management companies, and environmental organizations, all of which share a common goal – implementation of a convenient, workable, and fully funded system for collection and recycling of televisions, monitors, and other display devices in California.

Thomson employs more than 4,300 people in California, and more than 2,000 people in Mexicali, Mexico, supporting the consumer electronics and motion picture industries. We recognize the importance of recycling and have implemented extensive programs that have resulted in a global recycle recovery rate of close to 80% within our manufacturing operations.

As the first legislation in the United States to fully address this important issue, passage of SB20 will once again put California at the forefront of environmental protection and will help the state to effectively and efficiently manage electronic products at the end of their useful life.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Dyer
Vice President

Corporate Environment, Health, Safety, Security, Real Estate & Facilities

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City of Thousand Oaks

MAYOR ANDREW P. FOX

September 24, 2003 (Via facsimile and mail)

The Honorable Gray Davis
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento CA 95814

Re: ~~SB 20~~ (Sher) Electronics Recycling – SUPPORT

Dear Governor Davis:

On behalf of the City of Thousand Oaks, I am writing to express our support for SB 20 and to urge your signature on this important environmental legislation. By signing this groundbreaking legislation a free and convenient collection and recycling program for obsolete television sets and computers will be established.

The picture tubes (CRTs) in computer monitors and TVs contain hazardous levels of lead and other toxic materials. Appropriately, the State banned their disposal in landfills due to human and environmental health hazards. Currently, these devices are being sold in California without restrictions and without a recycling infrastructure in place. Our City has become the local agency responsible for coordinating electronics collection in addition to the thousands of pounds of chemicals and toxics we already collect each month, with little or no financial support from product manufacturers.

SB 20 will require that a recycling fee be assessed on the sales of all televisions, and computers at the time of purchase to fund cost-free, convenient collection and recycling of obsolete electronics. Additionally, this year's bill will effectively prohibit the export of toxic waste to developing nations and will require manufacturers to document and report on efforts to redesign their electronic products to reduce toxic materials and use recycled materials.

It is essential that our state leaders support the development of an infrastructure for electronics recycling. We strongly urge you to sign SB 20 into law. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue facing California.

Sincerely,



Andrew P. Fox
Mayor

c: Senator Tom McClintock
Senator Byron Sher
Tony Strickland, Assemblyman
Secretary Winston Hickox, CALEPA

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September 17, 2003

The Honorable Gray Davis
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**Subject: SB 20 (Sher) Electronic Waste Recycling
SUPPORT**

Dear Governor Davis:

I am writing on behalf of Waste Management to express our strong support for SB 20 (Sher) which establishes the nation's first comprehensive program for the recovery and recycling of hazardous electronic products.

SB 20 imposes a modest fee on the retail sale of hazardous CRTs and related devices to ensure that every Californian will have a convenient and cost-free opportunity to recycle their discarded electronic devices. Today, it often costs consumers as much as \$40 to arrange for the proper handling of these hazardous electronic products.

There is a pressing need to develop a statewide program to collect and recycle CRT devices. In 2001, the Department of Toxic Substances Control determined that CRT's were hazardous waste and could no longer be disposed of in municipal landfills. Since that determination, the costs to local governments and their private waste haulers for safely managing and recycling CRTs have increased ten fold.

SB 20 ensures that manufacturers will report on their efforts to reduce hazardous components from their products and to increase the use of recycled materials in product manufacturing. The bill also enacts new standards and restrictions relating to the export of hazardous CRTs or similar devices to foreign destinations.

We strongly urge you to sign this important measure.

Sincerely,

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Winston Hickox, Secretary, Cal-EPA
Linda Moulton-Patterson, Chair, CIWMB
Ed Lowry, Director, DTSC

6.iii. Support Letters – Individuals

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