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Re: Text Amendment Application No. TA-17-002

Dear Mr. Trejo,

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) has conducted a review of the City of Fresno's Request for Comments, Conditions, Environmental Assessment, and Entitlement Application of Text Amendment Application No. TA-17-002. After careful review of the ordinance presented, please consider the following comments.

Pursuant to the California Public Resources Code Section 14583, state law prohibits payments to cities that pass or enforce ordinances prohibiting the siting of recycling centers at supermarket sites. The amendment proposed by the City of Fresno would prohibit at least one supermarket recycling center from operating. In 2016, Fresno received over \$330,000 in payments through the Beverage Container Recycling Program that the city may no longer be eligible for in the future if the proposed ordinance is adopted.

Additionally, if recycling centers close in Fresno, for some residents the nearest center will be located in the City of Clovis. Therefore, the amendment could reduce opportunities to redeem for residents in your city. Please also note that if convenience zones in Fresno are not served by recycling centers, beverage retailers in the newly unserved zones will be required to redeem CRV containers in-store or pay \$100 per day fee to CalRecycle pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 14571.6.

CalRecycle welcomes the opportunity to further discuss the ordinance proposed by the City of Fresno. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any follow up questions or concerns regarding our comments.

Sincerely,

James Nachbaur

Chief, Division of Recycling