



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

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The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan  
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### **ASSEMBLY BILL 2374 (BAUER-KAHAN) SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan:

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office is pleased to support Assembly Bill 2374.

AB 2374 would increase the maximum mandatory fine for illegally placing, depositing, dumping, or causing to be placed, deposited or dumped, waste matter in commercial quantities by a person employing more than 10 full-time employees, as follows:

- a) From not more than \$3,000 for the first offense to not more than \$5,000;
- b) From not more than \$6,000 for the second conviction to not more than \$10,000; and,
- c) From not more than \$10,000 for a third or subsequent conviction to not more than \$20,000.

AB 2374 would also require the court to order persons convicted of illegal dumping to remove, or pay the cost of removing, any waste matter which the convicted person dumped or caused to be dumped on public or private property.

If a defendant convicted of illegal dumping holds a license or permit to conduct business that is substantially related to the conviction, AB 2374 would require the court to notify the applicable licensing or permitting entity that the licensee/permittee had been convicted of illegal dumping. The licensing or permitting entity would then be required to record and post the conviction on the public profile of the licensee/permittee on the entity's website.

Illegal dumping has been a serious problem in California for many years. Illegal dumping is a crime of convenience often by repeat offenders for economic gain. Materials illegally dumped range from household items such as mattresses, furniture, and large appliances to other more traditional commercial business items such as tires, hazardous waste, rock, concrete, asphalt, and dirt. Illegal dumping is an increasing

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problem that poses significant health, social, environmental, and economic impacts on communities. Illegal dumping contributes to a loss of community pride, discourages investment and development, decreases property values, and increases a community's vulnerability to crime.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Daniel Felizzatto in my Sacramento Legislative Office at (916) 442-0668.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gascón", written in a cursive style.

GEORGE GASCÓN  
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