

## Summary

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Mr. Keith Lilley, Deputy Director of Los Angeles County Public Works, welcomed everyone to the call. Mr. Lilley noted the purpose of the Infrastructure LA Sustainable Waste and Recycling Management (SWARM) Subcommittee is to provide opportunities to discuss current challenges surrounding sustainable waste management in our Region. Mr. Lilley also provided a summary of the previous Subcommittee meeting in March 2021.

### Attendance:

- 26 participants joined the call:
  - Participants included representatives from about 7 local cities.
    - Cities in attendance included: Cities of Bell, Covina, Culver City, Glendora, Long Beach, Palmdale, and San Jose.

### Updates on State Legislation, Solid Waste Infrastructure Planning, and the Assembly Bill (AB) 1583 Recycling Commission Report

- Updates and presentations were provided by:
  - Ms. Faith Conley (Legislative Representative, County of Los Angeles)
  - Mr. Keith Lilley (Deputy Director, Los Angeles County Public Works)
  - Mr. Christopher Sheppard (Senior Civil Engineer, Los Angeles County Public Works)
  - Ms. Heidi Sanborn (Commission Chair, National Stewardship Action Council)
- Ms. Conley provided an update from the County Legislative Office on State legislation:
  - The Legislature is on summer recess until August 16th. Prior to the recess, bills that were not voted on were held until January 2022. If the bills do not move forward, they will need to be re-introduced in a new legislative cycle.
  - The State budget includes \$65 million in funding for the circular economy.
  - There are negotiations on funding for Senate Bill (SB) 1383 implementation. The Legislature has until September 11, 2021, to approve bills for the Governor's signature.
  - SB 619, until January 1, 2023, would require that CalRecycle only impose a penalty on a local jurisdiction for a violation of the SB 1383 regulations if the local jurisdiction did not make a reasonable effort to comply.
  - AB 1276 would prohibit a food facility or a third-party food delivery platform from providing single-use food accessories unless requested by the consumer.
  - AB 962 would include reusable and returnable beverage containers in the existing California Redemption Value program.

- SB 54 would require single-use packaging and food-service ware to be compostable or recyclable.
- AB 818 would require certain premoistened nonwoven disposable wipes to be labeled clearly as "Do Not Flush."
- The California Plastic Waste Reduction Regulations Initiative, which would impose a one cent fee on single-use plastic packaging and food ware, has qualified for the general ballot in California on November 8, 2022.
- Mr. Lilley provided an update on Solid Waste Infrastructure Planning activities in the County.
  - Mr. Lilley shared that Public Works released a Request for Information (RFI) in March 2021 to receive information about existing and planned organic waste processing facilities both in and out of the County. Public Works received 24 responses with more than half of them already having a site in the region. The RFI will help Public Works identify gaps in available infrastructure.
  - Mr. Lilley also shared that Public Works recently released a Preliminary Draft Revised Countywide Siting Element and the County's long-term solid waste disposal capacity planning document for public review and comment. The initial deadline to review and provide comments was August 16, 2021, but Public Works plans to extend the deadline to September 30, 2021.
  - Mr. Lilley provided an update on the June Board motion that directed Public Works in consultation with other County departments, to prepare a report with recommendations on enhancing Countywide Solid Waste Management through Expanded Program and Infrastructure Investments. The Board sent a letter signed by all five Supervisors in July to CalRecycle outlining the infrastructure funding needed by Los Angeles County.
- Meeting attendees were polled in real time to find out their priorities related to organic waste management and recycling, their interest in attending roundtable discussions with State legislators, and their plans to develop solid waste infrastructure. The poll results showed the top three priorities are rate increases, infrastructure funding, and staffing. Most participants expressed interest in attending a County-hosted roundtable with LA-area State Legislators about infrastructure funding. Most cities do not plan to develop infrastructure within their jurisdictions, and the top barriers cited were lack of space, high costs, and the challenging permitting process. The full poll results are attached to this summary.
  - Ms. Sanborn gave a presentation on the recently released AB 1583 Recycling Commission Report. In her presentation, she gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the Statewide Commission on Recycling Markets and Curbside Recycling (AB 1583) and shared the key policy recommendations



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from the Commission's first annual report to the Legislature, which was submitted in July 2021. Ms. Sanborn's presentation is available on the SWARM webpage.

Mr. Lilley expressed that the SWARM meetings have allowed different agencies to continue discussion on legislation and SB 1383 implementation. SWARM will continue to host meetings every quarter or more frequently if there is an issue that needs to be discussed.

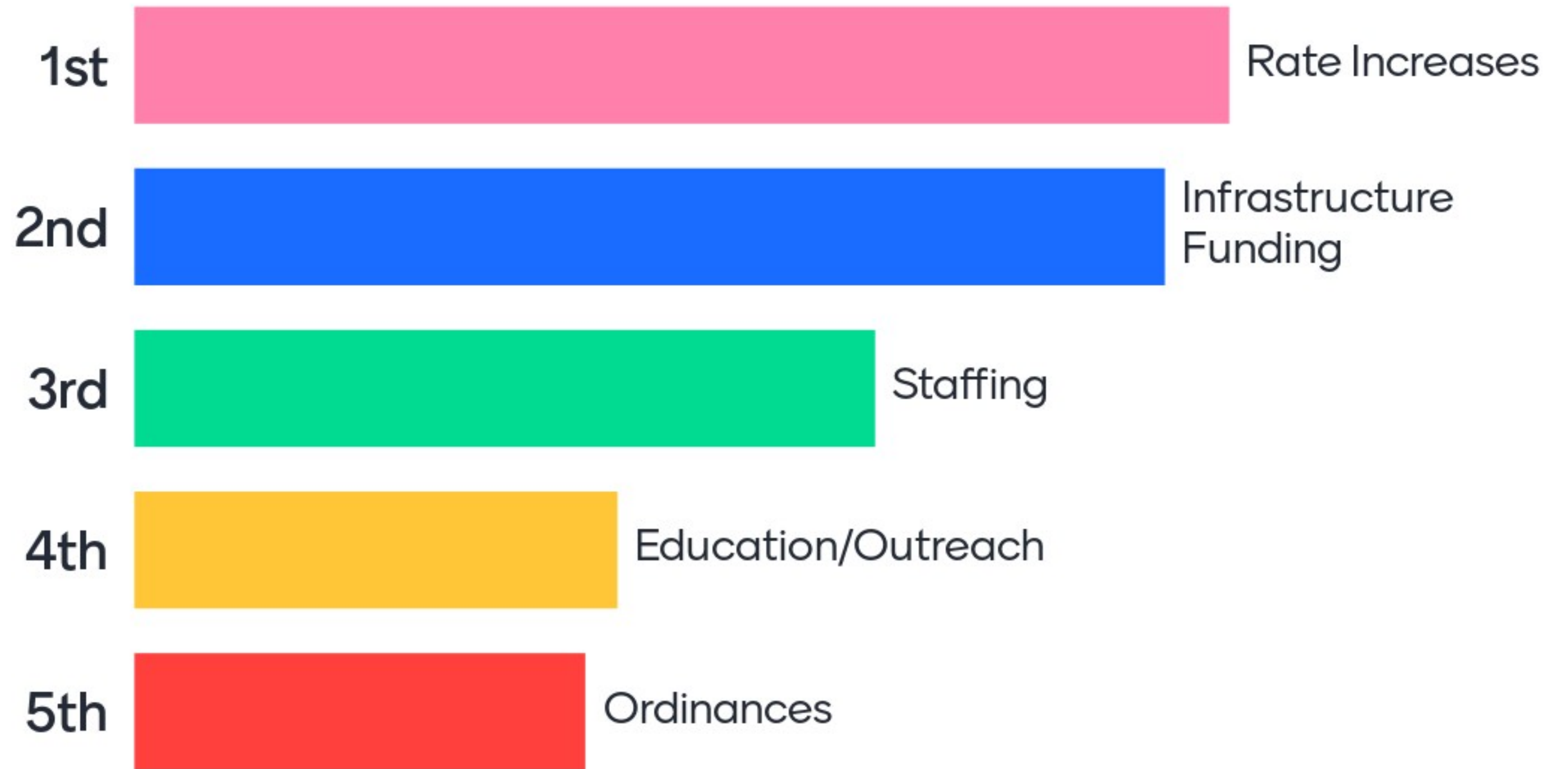
Infrastructure LA looks forward to continuing discussions related to waste management and recycling through the Infrastructure LA platform.

Links to the meeting presentations and resources can be found on our website at: [www.infrastructurela.org/key-initiatives/swarm](http://www.infrastructurela.org/key-initiatives/swarm).

If you have questions regarding Infrastructure LA, you may contact us at [InfrastructureLA@pw.lacounty.gov](mailto:InfrastructureLA@pw.lacounty.gov).



# Please rank your City's highest priority issues related to recycling, SB 1383 implementation, and waste infrastructure?





# What are your City's other high priority issues related to recycling, SB 1383 implementation, and waste infrastructure?



Food recovery infrastructure and programs

Previous list was complete.

City Council's lack of understanding on SB 1383

Illegal Dumping  
Compliance efforts  
Cost

food recovery and actually making the "love connections" between generator and facility  
dividing the work between city and hauler

Keeping rates within reasonable means to perform all of the tasks required by SB1383

Regional food recovery programming

how to use the amount of compost tons required to procure for cities

Lack of capacity in Southern California



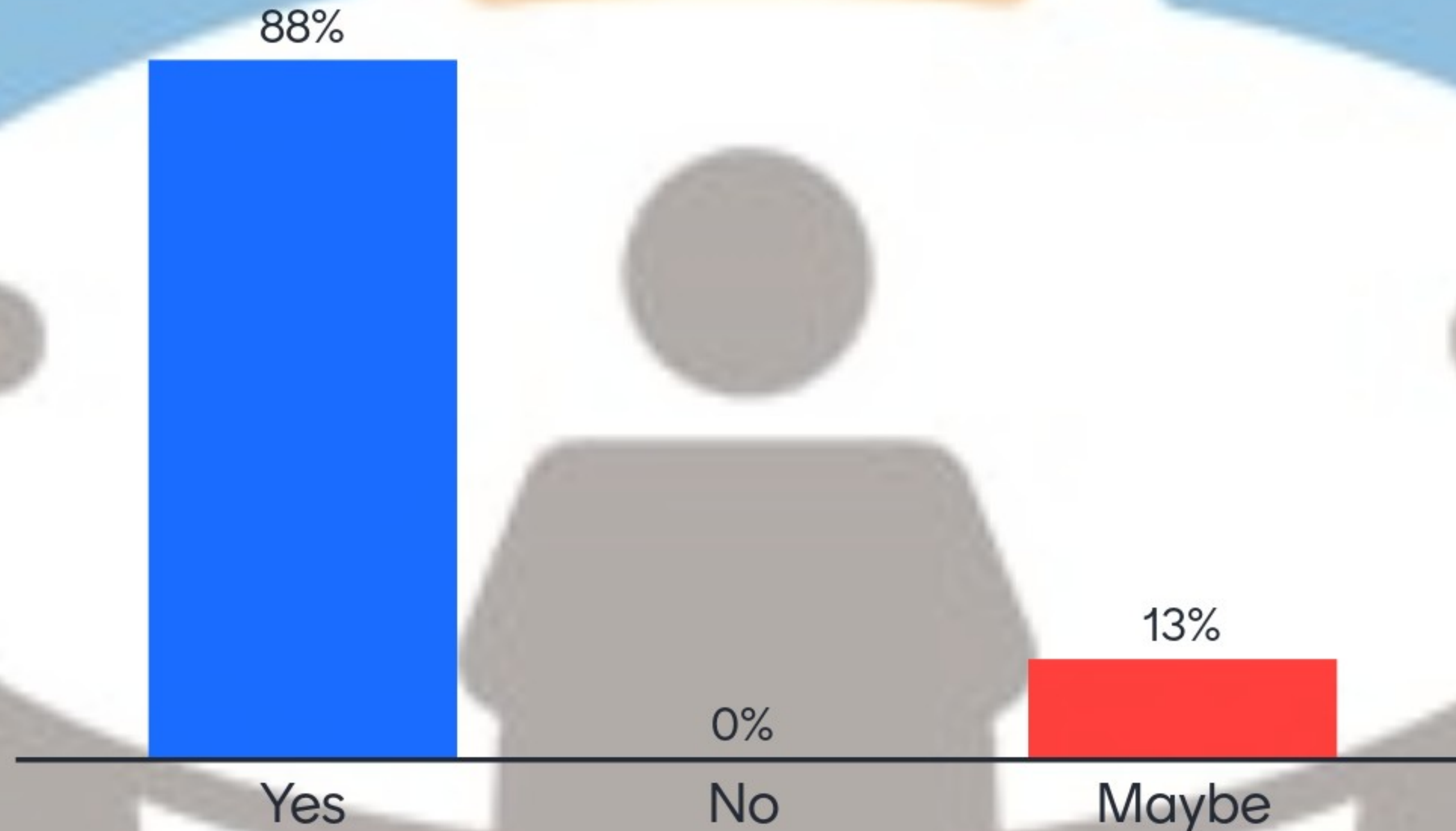
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staff to inspect for contamination and participation in program

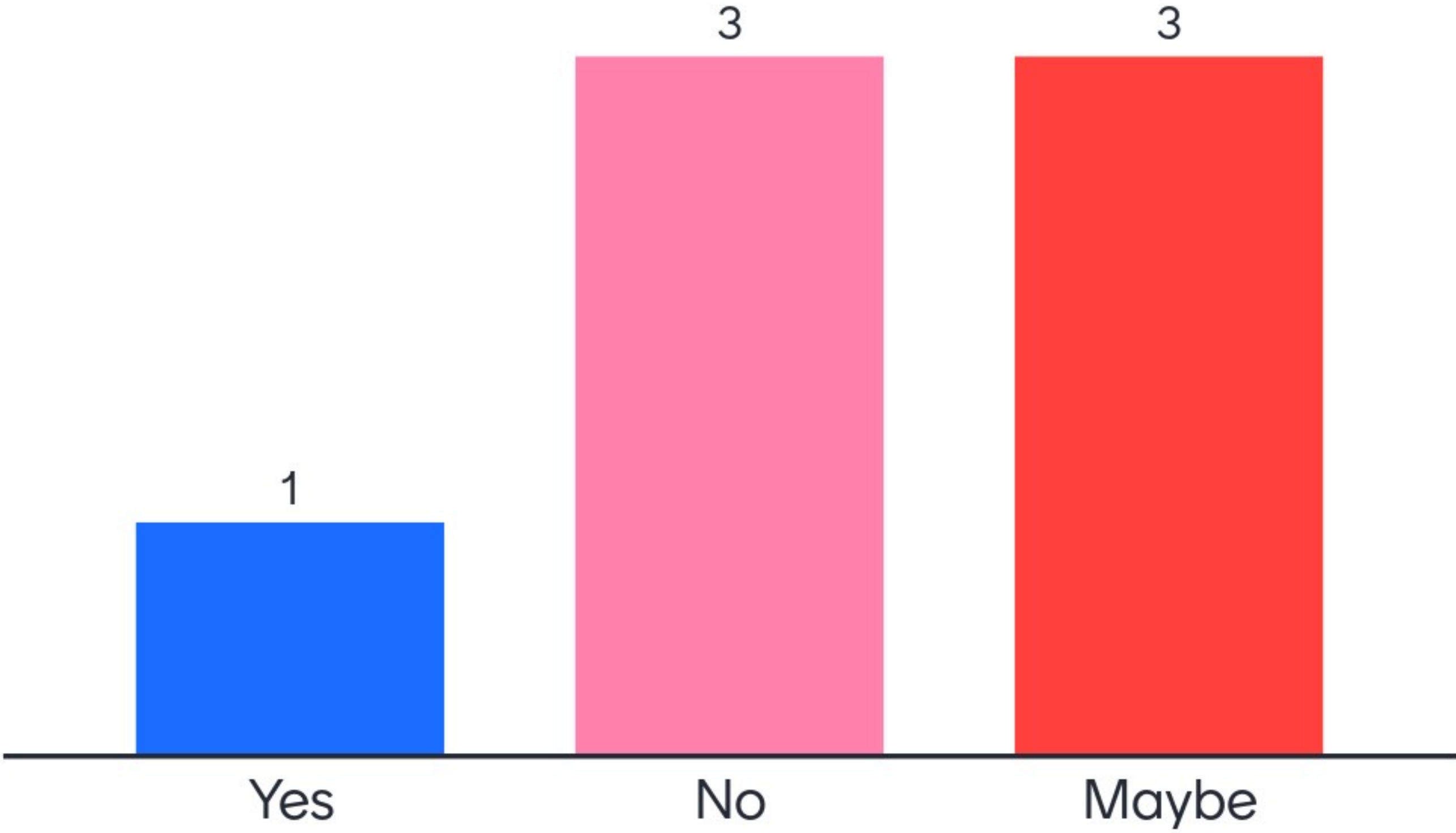


If the County hosted a roundtable with LA area State Legislators about infrastructure funding, would you be interested in attending or sending a rep?





# Are any Cities considering potential sites within your City limits for an organic waste or other recycling processing facility?





# If not, what are the major barriers for your City to site a facility?



Lack of space

space on the west side of los angeles

No space

Too difficult to permit

Distinction between what a City could do and what is the responsibility of a hauler.

NIMBY issue

Space and costs

Facilities are more of a regional response and it is difficult for a City to address.

Allowing California residents to remove their lawns. This will reduce green waste and save water



# What topics or presentations would you be interested in hearing about at a future SWARM meeting?

Updates on 619 delaying 1383

Funding advocacy efforts, infrastructure projects

what are the counties plans for further infrastucture development. Would LA County pursue building a facility at the calabasas waste shed

How to maintain rates while complying with the State's requirements.

