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American Academy of Environmental Engineering Judging Panel  
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Dear Members of the Panel:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the United States Composting Council (USCC), I am writing in support of the Inland Empire Regional Composting Authority's (IERCA) submittal the Inland Empire Regional Composting Facility. The USCC is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to the development, expansion and promotion of the composting and organics recycling industry in the U.S. The USCC also directs the Composting Council Research and Education Foundation (CCREF), a charitable foundation, which administers public and private research and education activities. The Council is very familiar and supportive of the IERCA and its programs and feels that they set a great example for the rest of the industry. They have been active members of USCC for many years and do an excellent job representing our community. It is impressive to see two diverse organizations work so well together creating a truly state of the art composting facility.

I commend the partnership between the IEUA and the LACSD who make environmental projects of this magnitude a reality with a positive impact on the environment and ask you to give their submission every consideration.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Stuart Buckner**  
Executive Director