



ATTACHMENT 10 – LETTER OF SUPPORT

City of Ceres, Public Works Department, Solid Waste & Recycling
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New State of California Law Requires Edible Food Donation – Free Technical Assistance Available to City of Ceres Businesses

The City of Ceres is offering businesses that sell or otherwise serve food with technical assistance and program support in order to increase resources to the food insecure population, decrease greenhouse gas emissions from food disposal in local landfills and comply with State of California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383).

SB 1383 serves as a statewide effort to reduce emissions of short-lived climate pollutants and sets the following targets:

1. Reduce statewide disposal of organic waste by 75% by January 1, 2025
2. Recover at least 20% of currently disposed edible food for human consumption by 2025.

As of January 2022, the City of Ceres is required to conduct inspections of Tier 1 commercial edible food generators and food recovery organizations and services to verify compliance with the adopted guidelines. **If you are receiving this letter, your business has been identified as being required to comply with the new State of California food donation law SB 1383.**

The City of Ceres has partnered with outreach staff at ReCREATE Waste Collaborative and the food donation software Careit to provide resources to assist edible food generators in implementing the food donation policy. Edible food generators that are determined to be Tier 1 will be set up with a free Careit food donation account to post all available edible food for donation to participating food recovery organizations and services during in-person inspections. Utilization of the Careit app is the easiest way for businesses to comply with the requirements of this program.

Failure to comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 1383 may result in a Notice of Violation and potential penalties. Your cooperation with ReCREATE and City of Ceres staff is essential for establishing successful food donation programs and is required by State law SB 1383.

The City of Ceres in partnership with ReCREATE and Careit are here to help your organization comply with the requirements of Senate Bill 1383. For questions and additional information, please visit <https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/organics/slcp/foodrecovery>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Toni Cordell".

Toni Cordell
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