



Department of  
Resources Recycling and Recovery

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**RE: Exemption Revoked**

Dear Store Manager:

The Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), Division of Recycling (Division) has determined that your store is located in an unserved convenience zone. Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 14571 (a) requires that a certified recycling center be located within every convenience zone in California. A convenience zone is the area within a half-mile radius around every supermarket that grosses \$2 million or more in annual sales. In your neighborhood, this supermarket is **Superior Grocers** located at **3180 N Garey Ave, Pomona**.

State law requires that each convenience zone must have at least one certified recycling center within the half-mile radius. Previously your convenience zone was granted an exemption to this requirement due to there being several recycling centers within a reasonable distance. The recent closure of at least one of these recycling centers results in diminished convenience for CRV redemption, so conditions for sustaining exempt status are no longer supported.

Your store and other beverage retailers in this convenience zone will soon receive the first of a series of three notices indicating that your business is entering a 60-day grace period to establish a recycling center. The 60-day grace period begins with the first notice of that series, not with this notification of revocation of exemption. At the conclusion of this grace period, a certified and operational recycling center must be located in your convenience zone or state law requires that your store and other dealers in your neighborhood must do only one of the following:

1. Redeem California Redemption Value (CRV) bottles and cans in the store.

or

2. Pay a daily fee to the Department (PRC Section 14571.6).

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The Division does not endorse any recycling center operator, but can provide contact information for recycling center operators upon request. This may be helpful toward getting a recycling center established in your neighborhood.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the staff of CalRecycle's Convenience Zone Unit at 916-341-6201 or [CZExemptions@calrecycle.ca.gov](mailto:CZExemptions@calrecycle.ca.gov).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lisa Fernandez".

Lisa Fernandez, Supervisor

Convenience Zone Unit