

AOR Principles for National, State, and Local Policy Development

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1. **Collaboration** – AOR encourages a collaborative atmosphere through a mix of nonprofit activism, private sector innovation and public sector policy and regulation
2. **Community Partnerships and Restoration** – AOR supports policies that act to repair harms and disproportionate impacts caused by the solid waste system on marginalized communities, including the development of authentic partnerships with communities of color
3. **Full Life Cycle of Products** – AOR supports policies that empower producers, collectors, processors, government and consumers to reduce the negative impacts associated with the manufacturing and consumption of materials and products. This includes policies that encourage manufacturers to consider the full life cycle of their products before delivering them to markets and incorporate all costs associated with the product.
4. **Jobs and Diversity** – AOR supports increasing diversity within all aspects of the industry by expanding economic opportunities for all communities.
5. **Marketable Materials** – AOR supports policies that ensure the materials that are collected for reuse, recycling or composting are clean and ready for input into the marketplace. In addition, AOR supports policies that promote the development, sale and purchase of products made with recycled content.
6. **Transparency and Accountability** – AOR supports policies that establish standards for public reporting by government and the private sector related to human and environmental impacts associated with the use, transport, and disposal of solid waste.
7. **Waste Hierarchy** – AOR supports policies that promote the management of materials according to their highest and best use (reduce, reuse, recycle).