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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry  
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee  
1021 O Street, Suite 6350  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2647 (Levine) Local Government. Open Meetings.**  
**Notice of Support** *(As Amended 04/19/2022)*

Dear Assembly Member Cecilia Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the League of California Cities, the Association of California Healthcare Districts, the California State Association of Counties, the California Special Districts Association, the Urban Counties of California, the California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS, the Rural County Representatives of California, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities, we write to express our support for Assembly Bill 2647. This measure would alleviate administrative delays by allowing for documents to be shared online with a legislative body and the public as long as the documents are later made available in person.

The Brown Act (Government Code section 54957.5 (b)(1)) requires writings that have been distributed to a majority of the members of a legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting must be distributed to the public at the same time that the legislative body receives them, in order for those writings to be considered publicly available. Recently the Third District Court of Appeals held that posting meeting documents online does not satisfy this requirement of the Brown Act, and that local governments must place physical copies of the document in a designated office open to the public.

Requiring physical access at a public location as the only way to satisfy the Brown Act could impair the conduct of the people's business. Without a legislative solution, the

Court's decision requires local agencies to keep an office open to the public during evenings and/or weekends when written material is distributed to a local agency's legislative body. Alternatively, late breaking information would have to be withheld from the legislative body until an office is open which could impact the ability of a legislative body to be best informed given the reduced time to consider additional information.

This measure would clarify that writings distributed to the majority of a local legislative body less than 72 hours before a meeting can be posted online to satisfy the Brown Act if physical copies are made available for public inspection at the beginning of the next regular business day at a public office or designated location. By reducing delays, the public community and the legislative body will be better informed to engage in the meeting with the flexibility and transparency this measure provides. This change would advance meaningful public access to government information.

For these reasons, the League of California Cities, the Association of California Healthcare Districts, the California State Association of Counties, the California Special Districts Association, the Urban Counties of California, the California Association of Public Authorities for IHSS, the Rural County Representatives of California, the Association of California Water Agencies, and the California Association of Joint Powers Authorities supports AB 2647 (Levine).

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with your questions.

Sincerely,



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