



RURAL COUNTY REPRESENTATIVES  
OF CALIFORNIA

August 17, 2020

The Honorable Shirley N. Weber  
Member, California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 3123  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Proposition 16/Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 - SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Weber:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5, which will appear on the November 2020 General Election ballot as Proposition 16. Proposition 16 would repeal Proposition 209 of 1996, which prohibited affirmative action in several public processes. RCRC is an association of thirty-seven rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors includes elected supervisors from those member counties.

At RCRC's August 12<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting, following a robust discussion and a close vote, the RCRC Board of Directors adopted a "Support" position. RCRC believes Proposition 16 would provide an opportunity for county governments to reassess their hiring and contracting practices to address racial inequities in their respective hiring/contracting practices.

RCRC appreciates your leadership in the State Legislature for addressing this issue. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

STACY CORLESS  
Chair, Mono County Board of Supervisors  
RCRC First Vice Chair

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cc: The Honorable Toni Atkins, President Pro Tempore of the State Senate  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker of the State Assembly  
Alice A. Huffman, President, National Association for the Advancement of  
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Ms. Lisa Martin, Chief of Staff, Office of Assembly Member Shirley Weber  
Ms. Tiffaney Boyd, Legislative Aide, Office of Assembly Member Shirley Weber