



August 23, 2021

The Honorable Marc Berman, Chair
Assembly Elections Committee
State Capitol, Room 3123
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 594 (Glazer) – Elections: redistricting
As amended August 16, 2021 – SUPPORT
Set for hearing August 24, 2021 – Assembly Governance and Finance Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Berman:

On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the Urban Counties of California (UCC), we write to express our support for SB 594, by Senator Glazer, a measure related to this year's redistricting process.

The delay of census data has caused problems for redistricting processes across the country. For California's counties, these difficulties come on top of the significant changes made to the redistricting process in recent years that will increase the transparency and public input into the process and in doing so also increase the time required to approve final supervisorial maps. Counties are also in the unique position of being the level of government that implements the new districts in time for the June primary election, putting pressure on both ends of the process.

We are therefore grateful that SB 594 includes a provision to clarify that the requirement for counties to adopt supervisorial district boundaries can be satisfied by either ordinance or resolution. This clarification ensures that counties can maximize the amount of time dedicated to the map-drawing process and we support the bill on this basis.

For the reason stated above, we support SB 594. Please do not hesitate to reach out for more information about our position.

Sincerely,

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