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May 3, 2024

The Honorable Buffy Wicks, Chair
Assembly Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 2030
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 2557 (Ortega). Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.
Oppose (As amended April 25, 2024)
Hearing: May 8, 2024**

Dear Assembly Member Wicks:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to oppose AB 2557, which complicates local governments' contracting ability and has the potential to negatively impact our workforce and the communities we serve.

AB 2557 places onerous requirements on local governments and disrupts county operations. AB 2557 requires contractors to provide quarterly, and in some cases monthly, performance reports and much more. To implement these provisions, Sacramento County would have to dedicate significant resources to comply with these provisions, and thus redirect funds from other critical services. Such requirements will deter non-profit providers, community-based organizations, and other private service providers from working with our County. This, in turn, exacerbates the workload demand for our staff, increases costs, and affects our standard of business. These pressures ultimately affect the communities we serve.

The bill requires audits to determine whether performance standards are met for contracts that exceed two years, and the contractor pays for it. The contractor must submit nine reports in two years, which is extremely burdensome. These provisions do not account for the practical logistics of reporting and review and an additional burden placed on contractors, which further deters the desire to do business with local agencies. The extensive reporting obligations in AB 2557 create considerable local costs without any benefits to the facilitation and efficiency of our local programs and services.

The above provisions also apply to temporary employees who also work under a contract. Temporary employees support critical local services. Local agencies often rely on temporary employees to ensure adequate staffing to comply with state mandates, assist in times of natural disaster, and fill the gap during critical staffing shortages as seen during the COVID-19 pandemic. For example, Sacramento County relied on more staff to complete FEMA paperwork in short notice and within the timelines to allow recoupment. These real-world examples cannot be overlooked or

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complicated by requirements that disrupt, rather than enhance, local governments' work to aid its communities.

For these reasons, Sacramento County opposes AB 2557. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,



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