

March 24, 2016

Senator Mark McGuire
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5064
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 1266 (McGuire) – Joint Exercise of Powers: Agreement Filings – SUPPORT**

Dear Senator McGuire:

The Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has reviewed the bill and is pleased to support Senate Bill 1266. This bill as we read it, would require certain stand-alone, municipal service providing joint-power authorities (JPAs) to provide a copy of their agreement to the LAFCO at the time of their establishment or amendment to that agreement.

Under existing law, there is no means for LAFCOs to be informed of the existence and activities of local municipal service providing JPAs, which creates an increasing challenge for LAFCOs in meeting their standing directive to plan and oversee the responsive, efficient and effective delivery of local government services. This is especially true given the expanding role of JPAs in delivering municipal services. This bill closes that gap.

This direct communication connection between the JPA and LAFCO allows the LAFCO to be a stronger public resource and inclusive information repository on local public services. Further, it allows the LAFCO the information needed to ensure more comprehensive reporting to the public on the effective and efficient delivery of municipal services.

Because SB 1266 provides the critical direct communication link between the LAFCO and these municipal service providing JPAs, the Imperial LAFCO supports this bill. We thank you for authoring this important legislation.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kelley, Chairman
Imperial LAFCO

cc: Members, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
Brian Weinberger, Consultant, Senate Governance & Finance Committee
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The Honorable Robert Hertzberg, Chair
Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 4038
Sacramento, California 95814

SUPPORT FOR SB 971, SB 972, and SB 973

Dear Senator Hertzberg:

The Imperial Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has reviewed SB 971, 972 and 973 and after consideration by the Commission, is pleased to support all three Bills.

We appreciate how important these measures are for the operation of local governments. Enactment of the Validating Acts helps all public agencies because they protect investors from minor errors that might otherwise threaten our bonds, boundary changes, and other official acts.

We also appreciate the fact that all of the members of the Senate Governance and Finance Committee joined you in authoring these three important bills. Please let me know if I can provide any additional information or assistance in passage of these bills.

Yours Sincerely,

Michael Kelley, Chairman
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