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March 16, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

The Honorable Scott Wilk
California State Senate, District 23
1021 O Street, Room 7140
Sacramento, CA 95814

Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Wilk:

SUBJECT: SB 489 (Wilk): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our sincere appreciation and support for Senate Bill 489, relating to granting cities the authority to issue marriage licenses. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 14, 2023.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has experienced a significant demand for marriage licensing services since the City began a local program to issue confidential marriage licenses in February 2020. Since the start of the local program, the City has issued over 600 confidential marriage licenses and officiated over 350 marriage ceremonies. However, due to current state law, the City is unable to issue public marriage licenses and must purchase the confidential marriage licenses through the Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder's office, which results in a burdensome process for the City in delivering this much sought-after service.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

Authorizing cities to directly issue both public and confidential marriage licenses localizes this highly desirable service, fairly compensates municipalities for services offered, reduces traffic congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, and ultimately lowers the cost of marriage services for our constituents.

Thank you for introducing this legislation and we look forward to working with you in support of this measure. For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 489. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please feel free to



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Sincerely,



Jason Gibbs
Mayor

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