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June 22, 2017

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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
California State Assembly, District 59
State Capitol Building, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes AB 1250, which effectively eliminates almost all contracting services for cities and counties.

On June 13, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 1250. This bill, as amended on May 30, 2017, places substantial burdens on local agencies by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that impede on local control and have significant impacts on local governance. Specifically, AB 1250 eliminates local agency hiring discretion by limiting a local agency's ability to utilize a contract for the sole purpose of cost savings through salaries and benefits. This creates a significant hurdle for the City of Santa Clarita (City), as 805 individuals working on behalf of residents of Santa Clarita were contract positions in 2016.

Local governments have a long history of addressing service delivery challenges with creativity, self-reliance and innovation. Unique local challenges and limited budgets continue to fuel innovative efforts to obtain expertise and provide high quality services through the strategic utilization of contract employees.

As of May 9, 2017, the City has processed 364 personal service contracts in 2017. The most commonly utilized contracts by the City include design consultants, engineering consultants, and construction management. While Assembly Bill 1250 exempts many of the commonly utilized contracts that the City acquires, this bill still has a significant impact on the City's overall contracting process.

This legislation places an overwhelming and significant burden on nearly every city department and would create a de facto ban on virtually all contracting services.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes AB 1250. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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