



**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
AGENDA REPORT**

CONSENT CALENDAR

CITY MANAGER APPROVAL:

Ken Striplin

DATE: May 11, 2021

SUBJECT: STATE LEGISLATION: ASSEMBLY BILL 1251

DEPARTMENT: City Manager's Office

PRESENTER: Masis Hagobian

RECOMMENDED ACTION

City Council adopt the City Council Legislative Committee recommendation to support Assembly Bill 1251 (Muratsuchi) and transmit position statements to Assembly Member Muratsuchi, Santa Clarita's state legislative delegation, appropriate legislative committees, Governor Newsom, League of California Cities, and other stakeholder organizations.

BACKGROUND

Authored by Assembly Member Al Muratsuchi (D-66-Torrance), Assembly Bill 1251 requires a public health order issued by the County of Los Angeles Local Health Officer (County Health Officer), during the COVID-19 pandemic State of Emergency, to be based on data for each Service Planning Area, rather than on countywide data.

The County of Los Angeles (County) is divided into eight Service Planning Areas (SPAs) for health care planning and homelessness service purposes. Each SPA has an area health office that is responsible for planning public health and clinical services according to the health needs of local communities. Some examples of health care planning activities include assessing health needs of local communities, promoting health and preventing disease, and collaborating with community groups to improve the health of SPA residents. These SPAs allow the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health to develop and provide more relevant public health and clinical services targeted to the specific health needs of the residents in these different areas.

The City is in SPA 2, which also includes the cities of Agoura Hills, Burbank, Calabasas, Glendale, San Fernando, parts of the City of Los Angeles (in the San Fernando Valley region), and unincorporated Los Angeles County (including the communities of Castaic, Porter Ranch, and Stevenson Ranch).

In requiring the County Health Officer to issue a public health order based on data for each SPA,

Assembly Bill 1251 develops a more relevant and locally focused process in the County issuance of a public health order to combat the spread of COVID-19. Additionally, the bill enables the County Health Officer to adopt policies that are more targeted and reflective of the health needs of local communities. In doing so, this bill would allow for the public health order to be less restrictive in parts of the County that have a lower number of positive COVID-19 cases and related hospitalizations.

The recommendation to support Assembly Bill 1251 is consistent with the City of Santa Clarita 2021 Executive and Legislative Platform. Specifically, Component 12 under the “State” section advises that the City Council, “Support legislation, regulatory proposals, administrative actions, or public health orders to allow and support businesses that have been forced to limit or close their operations, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, to responsibly reopen and operate to the capacity that will safely initiate the economic recovery process.”

Assembly Bill 1251 was introduced on February 18, 2021, and referred to the Assembly Committee on Health.

Health Officers Association of California and County Executives Association of California were the only registered opposition on file at the time this report was developed.

There was no registered support on file at the time this report was developed.

The City Council Legislative Committee met on April 28, 2021, and recommends that the City Council adopt a “support” position on Assembly Bill 1251.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION

1. Adopt an “oppose” position on Assembly Bill 1251.
2. Adopt a “neutral” position on Assembly Bill 1251.
3. Take no action on Assembly Bill 1251.
4. Refer Assembly Bill 1251 back to the Legislative Committee.
5. Other direction, as provided by the City Council.

FISCAL IMPACT

The resources required to implement the recommended action are contained within the City of Santa Clarita's adopted FY 2020-21 budget.

ATTACHMENTS

Assembly Bill 1251 - Bill Text