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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) – Counties: Contracts for Personal Services – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer,

On behalf of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, I am writing in opposition to your Assembly Bill 1250. This bill would establish standards for the use of personal services contracts by counties.

Specifically, AB 1250 would provide that a county agency may only contract for personal services currently or customarily performed by county employees when all of the following conditions apply: The board of supervisors clearly demonstrates that the proposed contract will result in actual overall cost savings to the county for the duration of the contract; proposals to contract out work shall not be approved solely on the basis that savings will result from lower contractor pay rates or benefits; the contract does not cause the displacement of county employees; the contract does not cause vacant positions in county employment to remain unfilled; and other specified conditions.

AB 1250 is a far reaching bill with the potential for significant cost and workload impacts to counties. The bill imposes significant burdens on counties by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that impede on local control and have significant impacts on local governance. Additionally, AB 1250 may have the impact of discouraging vendors from bidding or entering into contracts with counties, which will likely stifle competition.

The above stated impacts are among the many reasons that the Orange County Board of Supervisors opposes AB 1250 and will be sharing our position as the bill continues through the legislative process. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Peter DeMarco, Director of Legislative Affairs, at 714-834-5777.

Sincerely,

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