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The Honorable Reggie Jones-Sawyer
State Capitol, Room 2114
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1250 – Counties and Cities: contract for personal services: OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Jones-Sawyer,

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I write in opposition to Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer), which would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts by certain cities and counties. Ultimately, AB 1250 would limit the ability of counties and cities to contract out for services.

Specifically, we are concerned that while AB 1250 provides some exceptions for emergency situations and technical expertise, we believe that allowing counties to use the least-costly methods of providing services while meeting operational needs in all circumstances is in the best interest of the counties residents and service recipients. Adding additional hurdles such as those proposed by AB 1250 will increase costs and reduce opportunities to meet service delivery needs in the most cost-effective manner. AB 1250 effectively will leave agencies with limited choice, or lacking the ability to maintain and provide needed services altogether.

Furthermore, the requirement for local governments to demand contractors disclose information as part of their application that includes a description of all charges, claims, or complaints filed against them within the last 10 years, the total compensation the contractor provides to workers under the contract, and the total compensation of the five highest compensated officers is a significant overreach and disincentive for contractors to apply.

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 provide quality services. County employees provide many services, while other specialized services are provided on a contract basis. As amended, AB 1250 places substantial burdens on local agencies by adding onerous, over prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that impinge on local control.

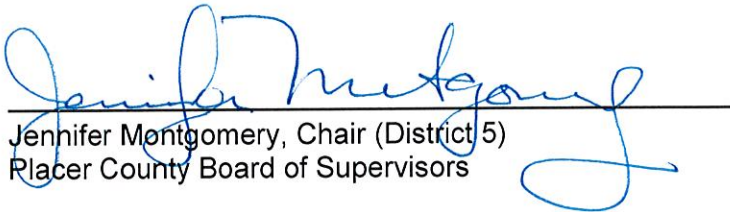
In closing, the workload, privacy concerns, potential litigation and cost implications created by AB 1250 would place a significant burden on nearly every County department unnecessarily limit opportunities to seek service contracts where overall cost savings could be achieved.

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For the above reasons we are opposed to AB 1250. Should you have any questions please, contact Joel Joyce, Management Analyst II, in the Placer County Executive Office at (530) 889-4026 or jjoyce@placer.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER



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