



March 29, 2019

The Honorable Anthony J. Portantino
Senator, 25th State Senate District
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 355 (Portantino) Joint powers agencies: meetings
NOTICE OF SUPPORT

Dear Senator Portantino:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the County, supports your SB 355 to remove language from the Government Code that currently precludes a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) alternate representative from participating in closed session discussions of the JPA unless that alternate is a member of the member agency's legislative body.

Cities belong to numerous JPAs, many of which address technical issues such as insurance coverage and retail electric power procurement. This bill significantly contributes to the ability of JPAs to conduct business and govern operations effectively and provide for continuity in participation from authorized decision makers, including staff of JPA member agencies and members of the public who have been selected by their communities to sit on a JPA board.

We thank you for your efforts in seeking this remedy to language that currently precludes public agency representatives from participating in important agency discussions and decision-making processes.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Guerrero at kguerrero@cacities.org.

Sincerely,

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