



April 29, 2021

The Honorable Ben Allen
California State Senate
State Capitol Room 40761
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 590 (Allen) Statewide Primary Election: Terms Of Office
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced)*

Dear Senator Allen:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities, representing 86 cities in the county, is pleased to support your SB 590 which would resolve an issue caused by the signing of SB 970 (Umberg, 2020).

Under the California Voter Participation Act of 2015, general law cities, among other political subdivisions, must hold their elections on a statewide election date. To comply, our city changed the election dates from March of odd-numbered years to March of even-numbered years beginning with the March 2020 election. Consequently, pursuant to existing law, councilmembers elected in March 2017 had their terms extended for 12 months from expiring in March 2021 to expiring in March 2022. However, 12 months is the maximum term extension allowed by Elections Code section 10403.5(b).

We are deeply concerned about the loss of representation and challenges to decision-making ability that our member cities and constituents will experience absent a remedy.

SB 590 provides this remedy by aligning the extension of term limits already in law with the new June primary in non-presidential election years.

For these reasons, the Division strongly supports SB 590

Sincerely,

Blanca Pacheco
President
Los Angeles County Division
League of California Cities

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