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Assembly Appropriations Committee  
1020 O Street, Room 8220  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

**RE: Opposition to Assembly Bill 2042 (AB 2042) Police canines: standards and training.**

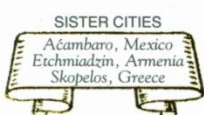
Dear Honorable Assembly Appropriations Committee Members:

I am writing on behalf of the City of La Verne to express opposition to Assembly Bill 2042 (AB 2042), which mandates the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) to develop and implement standardized training and use guidelines for police canines. While the intent behind enhancing control and safety measures is commendable, the financial implications for local law enforcement are considerable and warrant serious consideration.

AB 2042 introduces extensive new requirements for the training and deployment of police canines, which, while aimed at standardizing best practices, impose significant financial burdens on local municipalities already navigating tight budgets. The costs associated with developing these standards and conducting regular and periodic training for canines and handlers are projected to be substantial. These requirements could strain our local resources, potentially diverting funds from other critical public safety and community services.

Moreover, the bill's approach to standardizing the use of police canines does not fully account for the diverse operational realities and needs of various municipalities. The one-size-fits-all mandates may not align with the specific challenges or operational tactics of different jurisdictions, potentially leading to less effective use of resources and diminished safety outcomes.

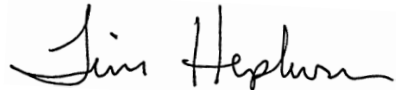
Given these concerns, we respectfully oppose AB 2042. We urge the consideration of more flexible, scalable solutions that allow municipalities to implement standards that meet both the spirit of the proposed regulations and the unique needs of their communities without imposing undue financial burdens.



We are committed to the safety and well-being of our residents and believe in the responsible use of police canines as a critical component of our law enforcement strategy. However, it is imperative that any new legislation supports this goal without compromising the ability of local governments to manage their budgets effectively and maintain other essential services.

Thank you for considering the position of the City of La Verne on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Hepburn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "T" and "H".

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor

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