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Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

Submitted via the Legislative Position Letter Portal

RE: Support for SB 239 (Arreguín) – Open Meetings: Teleconferencing: Subsidiary Body

Dear Honorable Senate Judiciary Committee Members:

The City of La Verne is pleased to express its support for SB 239, which provides a much-needed modernization of public meeting laws by extending teleconferencing flexibility to advisory subsidiary bodies. This measure supports transparency, public access, and participation while addressing real-world operational challenges faced by local agencies and regional committees.

In large counties like Los Angeles, where advisory bodies often span dozens of cities and rely on representatives from a wide geographic area, maintaining a quorum for in-person meetings can be particularly difficult. SB 239 offers a practical and well-structured path for these bodies to meet remotely while still complying with robust public access requirements. It ensures business can move forward efficiently, without delay, and strengthens regional collaboration by reducing logistical barriers to participation.

By maintaining a required in-person access point, requiring visible participation via video, and protecting public input through real-time engagement options, SB 239 strikes the right balance between accessibility and accountability. It supports broader community representation and improves the ability of cities to retain active and diverse participation in public service.

For these reasons, the City of La Verne supports SB 239 and encourages its swift passage. Thank you for continuing to advance policies that enhance efficiency, participation, and regional cooperation in local governance.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor