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Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: Support for SB 84 (Niello) – Disability Access: Construction-Related Accessibility Claims: Notice and Opportunity to Correct.

Dear Honorable Assembly Judiciary Committee Members:

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we must express our strong support for SB 84, which establishes a reasonable process to address construction-related accessibility claims by providing small businesses with a notice and 120-day opportunity to correct alleged violations before statutory damages can be pursued.

SB 84 strikes an important balance between protecting the rights of individuals with disabilities and preventing the misuse of accessibility laws that disproportionately burden small businesses. This legislation does not eliminate compliance obligations, rather, it provides a path to proactive resolution by allowing businesses employing 50 or fewer individuals to remedy technical violations, such as signage color or mirror height, before facing costly litigation. These corrections can often be made for a few dollars, yet lawsuits routinely result in settlements that exceed tens of thousands of dollars, destabilizing local entrepreneurs and discouraging business growth in California.

The City of La Verne supports accessibility, equity, and inclusion for all residents and visitors, and believes that SB 84 advances these goals by encouraging corrective action and improved access, without enabling exploitative litigation. We urge the Legislature to adopt this commonsense reform that protects both disability rights and the economic sustainability of small businesses.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor