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Honorable Gavin Newsom  
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Submitted via email  
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## **RE: Request for Veto of AB 339 (Ortega) – Public Agency Contracting Requirements**

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we must respectfully urge you to veto AB 339. While intended to promote transparency, this measure imposes unnecessary restrictions and duplicative requirements that will hinder the ability of cities to provide timely, efficient services to the public.

AB 339 requires public agencies to provide recognized employee organizations with 45 days' written notice before issuing or renewing contracts for services within represented classifications. While existing law already provides robust notice and bargaining protections, this bill goes further by creating additional procedural hurdles that delay service delivery without meaningfully enhancing transparency or accountability.

For La Verne, the impact is direct. The City relies on contracts with nonprofit and private partners to deliver essential services, and AB 339 would make it more costly and difficult to sustain these partnerships, risking delays in critical support for vulnerable populations. The bill also establishes a state-mandated local program with unknown costs, undermining the fiscal stability cities must preserve to deliver core services responsibly.

Our residents expect responsive, efficient, and accountable local government. AB 339 weakens our ability to meet that expectation, restricting flexibility in contracting while layering on unfunded requirements. For these reasons, the City of La Verne must respectfully request your veto of AB 339.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn  
Mayor

C: City Council  
Ken Domer, City Manager

