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Honorable Gavin Newsom
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Submitted via email
Leg.Unit@gov.ca.gov

RE: Request for Veto of SB 707 (Durazo) – Brown Act Requirements

On behalf of the City of La Verne, we must respectfully urge you to veto SB 707. While framed as a modernization of the Brown Act, this measure sets a troubling precedent by imposing prescriptive requirements on local governments that could easily expand over time.

Today, La Verne falls below the thresholds for some of the bill's requirements, and we already provide video recording of our council meetings. But the problem with SB 707 is not simply its current scope — it is the precedent it establishes. Enacting new Brown Act mandates of this kind paves the way for even stricter requirements in the future, creating an unsustainable framework that ignores the fiscal realities facing cities across California.

SB 707 also introduces new administrative burdens, technology standards, and legal exposure without reimbursement. Even if La Verne is not immediately affected, population shifts or future amendments could subject us to costly mandates that undermine fiscal stability and limit flexibility in how we engage our residents. Once these requirements are embedded in law, they are far more likely to be tightened and expanded in ways that eventually affect every City.

La Verne strongly supports transparency and resident engagement, but this bill moves in the wrong direction by setting a one-size-fits-all precedent for local governments while exempting the state itself. For these reasons, the City of La Verne must respectfully request your veto of SB 707.

Sincerely,

Tim Hepburn
Mayor

C: City Council
Ken Domer, City Manager

