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The Honorable Dave Cortese
California State Senate
1021 O St., Ste. 6640
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: – OPPOSE, SB 1100, Open Meetings, Orderly Conduct

Dear Senator Cortese,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write to express our opposition to SB 1100, which seeks to amend the Ralph M. Brown Act (Brown Act), impacting meeting procedure.

While we recognize the intent of the bill, we hold that introducing additional procedures for legislative bodies to follow under the Brown Act would not contribute to a legislative body's capacity to operate a safe and productive meeting. Maintaining a safe environment fosters productivity within meetings, introducing extra procedures for a legislative body to follow prior to removing a disruptive individual simply weakens a legislative body's ability to carry out business.

The safety of the public officials and public in attendance at meetings is of utmost importance, thus we must not hinder their ability to control a meeting with added procedural burdens. We hold that SB 1100 is unnecessary and would be burdensome to legislative bodies across the state. The Brown Act prioritizes safety and the proposed amendments hinder public officials' ability to contain a disruptive meeting.

For the reasons outlined above, Solano County must respectfully oppose SB 1100 to ensure that our county's meetings remain safe and productive.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John M. Vasquez".

John M. Vasquez,
District 4 Supervisor and Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Honorable Bill Dodd, Member, California State Senate
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