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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N St. Room 157
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: – SUPPORT, AB 2449 (Rubio) Open Meetings: Local Agencies: Teleconferences

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 2449 (Rubio), which will allow for increased public participation in local meetings.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a series of executive orders were issued by the Governor to expand public access to local agencies' meetings by removing some teleconference restrictions. AB 361 allowed for the continuation of the executive order provisions during the emergency period, but once this is over local agencies will have to return to the more restrictive teleconference rules. This could make it more difficult to hold public meetings by teleconference.

Under AB 2449 the concept of teleconference locations would be eliminated, and notice requirements would be revised to incentivize more public participation. This bill allows local agencies the flexibility to continue utilizing teleconferencing options on a consistent and ongoing basis beyond the emergency provisions.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 2449 (Rubio) and ask that you vote aye when this bill is heard before your committee.

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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