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The Honorable Chris Holden
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
1021 O St., Ste. 5650
Sacramento, CA 95814**RE: SUPPORT, AB 400 (Rubio) Local Agency Design-Build Projects, Authorization**

Dear Chairman Holden,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 400, which would allow local governments to further utilize existing state law which allows them to use the Design-Build procurement process for qualifying public works projects. This bill achieves this by extending the existing January 1, 2023 sunset date on the statutory Design-Build authority to January 1, 2031.

Solano County supports AB 400, as it would give us the continued flexibility to select, plan, design, bid and construct projects using the design-build process. This is important because the Design-Build method streamlines project delivery through a single contract between the owner and the design-build team. Thus, using the Design-Build method for more complex projects facilitates the completion and delivery of public works construction projects efficiently and cost effectively.

Furthermore, the Design-Build method promotes project design and construction innovation, which can result in higher quality projects. This is because as previously mentioned, under the Design-Build method the owner contracts with a single entity to both design and construct a project at a fixed price. Simultaneously the Design-Build method provides contractors with more flexibility over project design, materials, and construction methods. As an added benefit, this approach reduces the county and local agencies risk and results in fewer litigation claims for all parties involved.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 400.

Sincerely,

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

John M. Vasquez, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors**CC:**Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee
The Honorable Blanca Rubio, Assemblymember
The Honorable Bill Dodd, Senator
The Honorable Lori D. Wilson, Assemblymember
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