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The Honorable Lori D. Wilson
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Ste. 8110
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SPONSOR, AB 1957 (Wilson) – Public Contracts, Best Value Construction for Counties

Dear Assemblymember Wilson,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support and sponsorship of AB 1957, Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties. The bill would extend best value contracting to counties, giving them the ability to attract a more qualified bidding pool, reduce the number of bad actors during the contractor selection process and increase the number of skilled craftworkers on County construction projects. Additionally, this legislation would give Counties the ability to select the contractor with the skill set that best matches the applicable requirements to the projects at hand.

Best value contracting was established as a pilot under SB 762 (Wolk – 2015) and expanded by SB 793 (Hill – 2017) and SB 128 (Beall – 2019). The authority allows counties to award contracts for construction projects in excess of \$1 million to the bidder representing the best value. The participating counties are Alameda, Los Angeles, Monterey, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano, and Yuba. Current best value legislation is set to expire on January 1, 2025.

For Solano County, the ability to participate in the best value process has provided substantial benefits, including improved project control and quality. These projects have started and finished more efficiently and on budget. Further, best value contracting proved to lessen administrative costs and time by increasing contract terms through renewal options, which also helps increase the capacity to deliver more projects in less time. This drives more high-quality construction work into the statewide construction marketplace while reducing administrative burdens.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support and sponsor AB 1957.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitch N. Mashburn".

Mitch Mashburn, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Honorable Members, California State Assembly
The Honorable Bill Dodd, California State Senator
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