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May 4, 2021

Via Email

The Honorable Jesse Gabriel
California State Assembly
P.O. Box 942849
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SUBJECT: Notice of Support for AB 1053

Dear Assemblymember Gabriel:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AB 1053, which would reduce the quorum requirement for Los Angeles County city selection committees (CSCs) to one-third of all member cities within the county for a meeting that was postponed because there was not a quorum, so long as the agenda remains the same.

In Los Angeles County, the CSC is made up of 87 members, making getting a quorum difficult. Failure to establish a quorum means that critical positions on transportation and air quality boards and commissions that are vital to local governance remain vacant.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, CSCs have moved the majority of their operations online, including meetings. However, they are still required to provide a setup for in-person comment in public buildings. In Los Angeles County, this requires 87 individual setups. This past year has shown that successful remote testimony is possible and easily accessed.

Given that this bill would provide greater flexibility in appointing representatives to vital county boards, commissions, and agencies, and would improve transparency by allowing CSCs to conduct their operations remotely, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes supports AB 1053.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eric O. Alegria".

Eric Alegria
Mayor

Assemblymember Gabriel

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