



## CITY OF CORONADO

September 22, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 707 (Durazo) Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements  
Request for Veto**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Coronado respectfully requests your Veto on SB 707 (Durazo). Our city strongly supports public transparency and accessibility, but SB 707, as currently drafted, would impose costly and inequitable new mandates on cities like ours without providing the resources or flexibility needed for implementation.

SB 707 would create significant fiscal and operational challenges for our city, including:

- Providing two-way telephonic or audiovisual access for council meetings, halting proceedings during any service disruption.
- Translating agendas into all “applicable languages” spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, provided that 20 percent or more of the population that speaks that language in that city speaks English less than “very well.”
- Designating a public space for community-submitted translations, even if inaccurate or misleading.
- Creating and maintaining multi-language webpages for agendas, instructions, and meeting procedures.
- Expanding outreach efforts and electronic systems for agenda access.

For the City of Coronado these obligations would mean the technology redesign for Council Chambers and other rooms where public meetings are held, including significant audio visual and broadcasting equipment upgrades to manage the requirement. The city does not have funds budgeted or the technology project capacity. Additionally, the bill calls for creation of a public space for community-submitted documents that will not be vetted, and could be conflated with an official publication, confusing the public.

The city supports transparency and robust public engagement but SB 707's mechanisms create substantial agency burden, potential to disrupt public business, and opportunity for community confusion.

Although the recent amendment moved the implementation deadline to July 1, 2026, this deadline still does not provide sufficient time for cities to fully budget, procure, and train for compliance. Additional time is necessary to ensure responsible and effective implementation.

For these reasons, the City of Coronado respectfully requests your Veto on SB 707 (Durazo).

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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