



## CITY OF CORONADO

September 22, 2025

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

**Re: AB 339 (Ortega): Local Public Employee Organizations: Notice Requirements (As amended 8/29/25). Request For Veto**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Coronado respectfully requests your Veto on AB 339 (Ortega), which would undermine cities' ability to partner with private and non-profit partners to provide necessary local programs and services. AB 339 would impose considerable costs to cities, including new notification requirements, unclear language that will undoubtedly result in increased conflict and eventual litigation with our labor partners, and significant delays in executing programs and delivering services.

AB 339 has an extremely broad reach and ignores existing employee protections. AB 339 applies to nearly any contract (outside of the public works exemption) that is within the scope of work of any job classification represented by a recognized employee organization. For local agencies with represented workforces, this essentially means the vast majority of contracts would be subject to notice. An administrative remedy is already available to recognized employee organizations when they believe that a local agency has neglected to meet existing notification and meet and confer requirements regarding contracting. AB 339's redundant and impractical approach will expose local agencies to additional costs that result from a new and potentially significant workload increase.

Further, the lack of definition of emergency or exigent circumstances in AB 339 undermines existing emergency contracting authority. As first responders, local agencies rely on existing statutes that allow for considerable flexibility to ensure the safety and well-being of our communities. This language only adds another

opportunity for disagreement with our labor partners when local agencies need to focus available resources on response and recovery during an emergency.

For these reasons, the City of Coronado respectfully requests your Veto on AB 339 (Ortega).

Sincerely,



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Mayor

cc: Senator Weber Pierson  
Assemblymember Tasha Boerner  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities (via email)  
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