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Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions respectfully requests that you **sign Assembly Bill 1998** (Silva) which moves the financial disclosure requirements for a proposal before a local agency formation commission to the Political Reform Act of 1974.

This legislation will contribute to increased transparency in local government by expanding the existing law requiring reporting of contributions and expenditures by committees formed to support or oppose proposals that may come before a commission. Current law places responsibility for administering the disclosure requirements on each of the 58 commissions. This law changes the responsibility to the Fair Political Practices Commission. The FPPC is far more experienced and prepared in the filing and review of campaign statements than commission staff. These disclosure requirements helps communities and citizens better understand who is supporting and opposing proposals before a local agency formation commission.

Because this law will help insure a consistent review of statements and enforcement of the disclosure requirements, and will follow the same requirements for proponents as most of the petition and initiative processes in California we urge you to sign AB 1998.

Yours sincerely,



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