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The Honorable Patricia Wiggins
California State Senate
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SUPPORT FOR SB 1023

Dear Senator Wiggins:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions is pleased to support your bill, SB 1023. This legislation would provide for an expedited process for Local Agency Formation Commissions to reorganize Resort Improvement Districts and Municipal Improvement Districts into Community Service Districts or Park and Recreation Districts.

As you are aware, long ago the legislature eliminated the ability to form new Resort Improvement Districts (RID) or Municipal Improvement Districts (MID). Yet a small number of these districts continue to exist today under archaic laws. While current law allows conversion of these districts into more contemporary local government structures, the statutory procedures are expensive, complicated and time consuming. Your legislation provides LAFCo and the districts a valuable tool to efficiently replace the governing structure with modern statutes that will improve the ability of the district's governing boards and managers to deliver effective public services.

Because your bill makes it easier for LAFCo to work with these agencies to complete these reorganizations without imposing fiscal burdens on taxpayers and other local governments, CALAFCO is in support of SB 1023. Thank you for your work on this important legislation. Please feel free to contact me if I can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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