

# EL DORADO LAFCO

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Honorable Lou Correa  
California State Senate  
State Capitol, Room 5052  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Opposition for Senate Bill 46 (Correa): Compensation Disclosure

Dear Senator Correa,

On behalf of the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to your bill, Senate Bill 46. While this Commission agrees and supports the intent for more transparency in local public official compensation, this bill creates a significant unfunded mandate to local agencies that already comply to a great extent with the requirements of the Fair Political Practices Act.

The legislation is particularly difficult for small agencies such as El Dorado LAFCO, which has fewer than three staff members. Like many other LAFCOs in the state, in recent years El Dorado LAFCO has experienced significant budget and staffing cuts due to the poor economy. The additional work to compile and post these forms for commissioners, staff and contractors would strain our already limited staffing capacity. If SB 46 is implemented, LAFCO would have to choose to expend resources complying with this law instead of other mission-critical assignments, such as attending to public inquiries, providing research support to our partner agencies or identifying more cost effective processes to increase efficiency or lower costs.

In addition, the legislation is unclear on the requirements for individuals who serve on LAFCO. As you are aware, serving as Commissioners to this body is a secondary appointment as part of our duties as city councilmembers, district directors or as county supervisors.

Nonetheless El Dorado LAFCO agrees with the issue of increased transparency for LAFCO commissioners and staff. As such, we comply with the California Association of LAFCOs' adopted disclosure guidelines for LAFCOs, which we believe accomplish similar goals without spending a significant amount of resources.

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For these reasons El Dorado LAFCO opposes SB 46. Thank you for your consideration of our comments. Please feel free to contact me or our LAFCO staff at (530) 295-2707 if I can provide additional information.

Regards,



Ron Briggs  
Chair

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