



June 23, 2021

Honorable Governor Gavin Newsom
State of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **REQUEST TO SIGN AB 1581: Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) respectfully requests that you **sign Assembly Bill 1581** (Assembly Local Government Committee) which is now before you for action. **AB 1581** makes changes and clarifications to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of local agency formation commissions. These changes are necessary as commissions implement the Act and small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. **AB 1581** makes several minor technical changes, corrects obsolete and incorrect code references, and makes minor updates to outdated sections. Without making any policy changes, the revised language greatly clarifies the laws and eliminates outdated and confusing language thereby creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

Because this legislation helps ensure that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state, and clearer to all who use the Act, we respectfully urge you to sign **AB 1581**.

Respectfully,

John Hidahl, Vice Chair
El Dorado LAFCO

cc: Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
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