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Honorable Brian Maienschein, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 4139
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Support for Assembly Bill 1532 (Assembly Local Government Committee) – Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Omnibus Bill

Dear Assembly Member Maienschein,

On behalf of the El Dorado Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1532 (Assembly Local Government Committee). AB 1532 makes technical, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, which is the part of State Law that governs LAFCOs.

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which are necessary to help clarify and streamline the LAFCO process, ultimately resulting in less ambiguity in the law. As LAFCO commissions across the State implement the Act, small inconsistencies are found or clarifications are needed to make the law as unambiguous as possible. AB 1532 makes several minor technical changes, corrects obsolete and incorrect code references, and makes minor updates to several outdated sections. Without making any policy changes, the revised language greatly clarifies the laws and eliminates outdated and confusing language thereby creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

This legislation helps insure that the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state. El Dorado LAFCO appreciates your Committee's authorship and support of AB 1532, and your support of the mission of local agency formation commissions.

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.

Sincerely,

Ken Humphreys
Chair

Cc: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, California Association of LAFCOs
Members, Assembly Local Government Committee
Misa Lennox, Associate Consultant, Assembly Local Government Committee
William Weber, Consultant, Assembly Republican Caucus

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