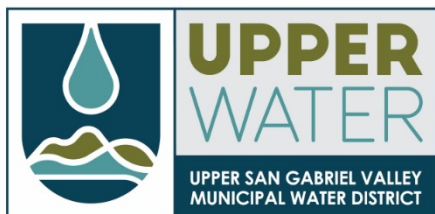


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June 26, 2025

The Honorable María Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio) – Support [As Amended April 21, 2025]

Hearing Date: July 2, 2025 – *Senate Local Government Committee*

Dear Senator Durazo:

The undersigned organizations write to express our support for Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio), which will preserve important teleconferencing procedures that have afforded public agency board members the flexibility to attend meetings they might have otherwise not been able to attend.

Recognizing the evolving landscape of public meetings and the demonstrated value of remote participation options when members of governing bodies are unable to attend a physical gathering, the Legislature passed Assembly Bill 2449 in 2022, which amended the Ralph M. Brown Act. Beginning in 2023, special districts and other local agencies began using the procedures established by AB 2449, successfully facilitating remote participation for officials that would otherwise been encumbered by illness, official travel, or medical emergency. The provisions of that bill, having been negotiated by civil society groups and local government stakeholders, contained numerous requirements, including the presence of an in-person quorum at the official meeting location.

While the provisions added by AB 2449 were modified slightly by technical amendments made by subsequent legislation, the January 1, 2026 sunset included in the original bill remains. To preserve the flexibility provided by AB 2449, Assembly Bill 259 would extend the sunset date on those provisions to January 1, 2030, thereby preserving the remote meeting procedures added by the earlier legislation. AB 259 would not otherwise change any other elements of the remote meeting provisions.

For these reasons, we the undersigned are proud to support Assembly Bill 259 (Rubio). Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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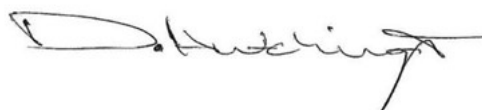
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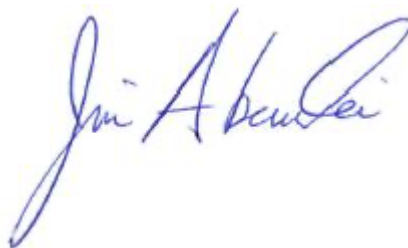
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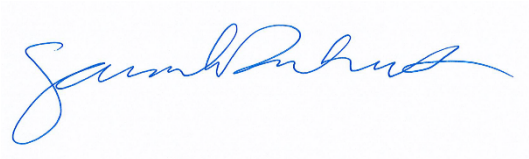
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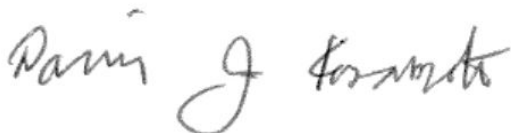
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