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The Honorable Anamarie Ávila Farías  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Room 6140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB 933 (Ávila Farías) Organized residential camps: organized day camps. – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Ávila Farías:

On behalf of the County of Monterey, we respectfully oppose your measure AB 933. This bill introduces new definitions, including the renaming of "organized camp" to "organized residential camp" and the definition of "organized day camp" as a facility that provides group experiences with educational or recreational objectives for children aged 3-17. It defines a day camp as one that operates for more than three hours per day, at least five days a year. It also defines "living experience" as an overnight camp lasting five days or more. It changes the definition of "camper" to include participants in both residential and day camps who engage in program activities. This bill mandates that regulations for residential camps, established by the State Public Health Officer and the State Fire Marshal, also apply to day camps, excluding those specifically designed for overnight experiences. Local health officers are required to enforce relevant building standards for day camps. Day camps must meet specific building and safety standards, and failure to comply constitutes a misdemeanor.

Monterey County Free Libraries operates seventeen branch libraries. Free library services are provided to all residents of Monterey County. 125,325 persons are registered to borrow materials from the collection of 335,680 items. The County library services include homework centers, chess clubs, crafting clubs, book groups, summer reading club programs, and study groups. The definition of day camp in AB 933 is overly broad and would include many of the programs that the County's libraries regularly provide. Compliance with these provisions would incur significant costs to the County's operations and could potentially force the County to terminate these valuable and enriching programs. We do not have custodial care of children; instead, we offer programs in a public setting. The length of time and frequency requirements of AB 933 would result in regulating library Storytime the same as an overnight camp. For these reasons, we oppose AB 933.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy Advisor, Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP, at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

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**Chris M. Lopez, Chair**  
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