

May 13, 2019

The Honorable Eduardo Garcia  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 377 (E. Garcia) Microenterprise home kitchen operations. - SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Garcia:

The County of Monterey is please to support your bill, AB 377, which authorize counties and/or cities within their jurisdictions to permit Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO).

Local Environmental Health Directors have primacy in the enforcement of the California Retail Food Code (CRFC) and focus their food facility inspections on minimizing food-borne illness risk factors and maximizing public health interventions. This bill addresses several questions and concerns that have been raised in response to the bill that created MEHKOs in statute, AB 626 warrants clarification in the law. These changes will help ensure that the requirements of legislation are clearly understood across all stakeholders, easing the process of implementation so California can take advantage of this exciting new entrepreneurship opportunity.

For these reason, we support AB 377. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact Monterey County's Public Policy advisors, Jennifer Capitolo or Ashley Walker of Nossaman LLP at 916-442-8888.

Sincerely,

John M. Phillips  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Bill Monning  
Senator Anna Caballero  
Assemblymember Mark Stone  
Assemblymember Robert Rivas  
California State Association of Counties