May 13, 2019

Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry, Chai Assembly Local Government Committee California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 5144 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1822: Local Government Committee Omnibus Bill. - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support the Assembly Local Government Committee Bill AB 1822 (amended April 8, 2019) which makes technical, non-substantive changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (the Act).

This annual bill includes technical changes to the Act which governs the work of LAFCos. 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 1822 currently makes minor technical corrections to language used in the Act. Monterey County is grateful to your Committee, staff and CALAFCO, all of whom worked diligently on this language to ensure there are no substantive changes while creating a significant increase in the clarity of the Act for all stakeholders.

This legislation helps insure the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act remains a vital and practical law that is consistently applied around the state. We appreciate your Committee's authorship and support of this bill, and your support of the mission of LAFCos.

We are pleased to support AB 1822 and thank you for your leadership on this issue. 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