

July 22, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 128 (Beall) Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot Program. - SUPPORT

Dear Senator Beall:

The County of Monterey is pleased to support Senate Bill 128, which extends the "Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties Pilot Program." We thank you and your staff for our recent discussion regarding this program and we respectfully thank you for your consideration to include the County of Monterey in this pilot program.

The County of Monterey would like to take into consideration other factors in order to evaluate and rate a contractor's qualifications and ability to carry out the work at the best price possible. A recent major construction project for Monterey County's Juvenile Hall is over a year late and significantly over budget given various issues with the project contractor.

If the County of Monterey is included in this pilot, future construction projects could be built with a much larger and stronger contractor bidding pool, reducing bad actors during the contractor selection process and increasing the percentage of skilled craft workers on county construction projects.

For these reasons, Monterey County supports SB 128 (Beall) and we hope to have the opportunity to use the provisions in SB 128.

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