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Senator Aisha Wahab
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1020 N Street, Room 545
Sacramento, CA 95814

CC: Senators Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh, Steven Bradford, Nancy Skinner, and Scott D. Wiener, and Chief Counsel Mary Kennedy

RE: Senate Bill 602 - Notice of Support, As Amended 3/20/23

Dear Senator Wahab,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Senate Bill 602, which would assist cities in handling issues relating to graffiti and other public nuisances by extending the timeframe for Letters of Agency from 30 days to 12 months.

Presently, local governments must obtain a letter every 30 days from property owners in order to remove graffiti and respond to additional public nuisance issues on their private property. This current time frame creates enormous difficulties for cities, as a 30-day period is very short and requires property owners to be extremely attentive and active in the management process. Should owners become unresponsive or absent, local governments are unable to promptly deal with these issues. By extending the effective duration of Letters of Agency from 30 days to 12 months, and widening the operative time frame of trespass authorization letters from 12 months to 3 years, SB 602 would significantly improve the current process for local governments to manage graffiti removal and other public nuisances. This legislation would in turn have a very positive impact on communities across the state.

CCCA represents over 85 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them, including public safety, housing, and land use. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of SB 602.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director