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Assemblymember Buffy Wicks Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee 1021 O Street, Suite 8220 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Assembly Bill 370 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support for Assembly Bill 370 (Carrillo), which expands the definition of "unusual circumstances" that justifies a public agency's delay in its initial response to a request for public records. This bill specifically seeks to expand the definition to address the increasing risk and possibility of cyberattacks.

While AB 370 has a narrow focus, the bill's impact is significant. By adjusting the definition of "unusual circumstances" in the California Public Records Act, the legislation will offer cities more time to respond to Public Records Act (PRA) requests for information on their electronic system that may have been compromised during a cyberattack. CCCA applauds Assemblymember Carrillo's leadership on this issue, as many of our member cities are concerned about the increasing risk of cyberattacks and the ways in which they can disrupt everyday government operations. AB 370 helps to ensure cities are better equipped to navigate these threats.

CCCA represents 80 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. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support for AB 370.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Appropriations Committee