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April 16, 2025

Senator Maria Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 753- SUPPORT

Dear Senator Durazo,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Senate Bill 753 (Cortese), which allows local governments to return shopping carts directly to retailers and recover the actual costs of managing the returns.

Abandoned shopping carts are a major issue for many cities across California, as current state law does not allow cities to return shopping carts directly to retailers. As a result, many carts are left haphazardly in public spaces, contributing to local public safety issues and environmental pollution. This legislation helps address these challenges by allowing cities to return carts and providing an updated cost recovery mechanism. SB 753 strikes the appropriate balance of creating an efficient system to retrieve and return abandoned shopping carts while incentivizing retailers to work collaboratively with cities and other local municipalities to recover their stolen property.

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 of SB 753.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Senate Local Government Committee