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March 31, 2026

Assemblymember Nick Schultz
Chair, Assembly Public Safety Committee
1020 N Street, Room 111
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1588 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Schultz,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Assembly Bill 1588, a measure that will help cities tackle the issue of sideshows, also known as street takeovers, in local communities.

CCCA has consistently advocated for practical measures to address the uptick in street takeovers, reckless driving, and street racing due to the significant dangers these activities pose to communities. Earlier this year, [a young man was shot](#) and a [Metro bus was blocked and vandalized](#) during two separate street takeovers in Downtown and South Los Angeles. Unfortunately, these events are too common and have become increasingly organized, presenting a serious public safety threat for cities statewide. AB 1588 addresses the issue by increasing penalties for engaging in or abetting a sideshow, enabling the forfeiture of violators' cars post-conviction, and allowing officers to use reliable video footage as evidence to support vehicle seizure requests in court. CCCA is confident that the policy framework outlined in AB 1588 will strengthen enforcement of street takeovers and help deter both first time and repeat offenders.

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 AB 1588.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director

CC: Members of the Assembly Public Safety Committee