

April 12, 2018

The Honorable Anna Caballero Member, California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 5158 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 2258 - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member Caballero:

On behalf of the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I am writing to express our support for your Assembly Bill 2258, relating to grant programs to Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) for the payment of costs associated with initiating and completing the dissolution of inactive districts. RCRC is an association of thirty-five rural California counties, and the RCRC Board of Directors is comprised of elected supervisors from each of those member counties.

In August 2017, the Little Hoover Commission (LHC) released a report on Special Districts. The report focused on district oversight and transparency and found, among many other issues, that many special districts could be consolidated or dissolved. However, certain LAFCOs and smaller districts lack the resources to propose consolidations and dissolutions. LHC recommended a small one-time infusion of grant funding to provide an incentive for LAFCOs or smaller districts to start a consolidation or dissolution process.

RCRC believes AB 2258 will implement one of LHC's recommendations and could aid in the improvement and efficiency of special districts services and operations. With the Strategic Growth Council proposed as the administrator of the program, we strongly support having the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions involved in the process to adopt guidelines, timelines, and application and reporting criteria for development and implementation of the program.

For these reasons, RCRC supports your AB 2258. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 447-4806.

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Sincerely,

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