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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee 1020 N St. Room 157 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: - SUPPORT, AB 1944 (Lee) Local Government: Open and Public Meetings

Dear Chair Aguiar-Curry,

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I write in support of AB 1944 (Lee), which will allow a legislative body to waive Brown Act requirements for publishing private addresses on meeting agendas and providing remote participation options.

In 2020 Governor Newsom issued executive orders waiving teleconference requirements and AB 361 allowed the continuance of this option until the end of the state of emergency until 2024. Brown Act bodies face certain requirements that require members who choose to teleconference to disclose their private addresses publicly. This requirement can make compliance difficult if a member cannot make known their private location to the public for a variety of reasons.

AB 1944 would allow legislative bodies to teleconference into a meeting without revealing their private address and also require live streams of these meetings if a member chooses to teleconference in. The bill would allow members of the public a call-in or video option to address their elected officials.

For these reasons, Solano County is pleased to support AB 1944 (Lee) and ask that you vote aye when this bill is heard before your committee.

Sincerely,

John M. Vasquez, District 4 Supervisor and Chair Solano County Board of Supervisors

CC:

Honorable Bill Dodd, Member, California State Senate Honorable Tim Grayson, Member, California State Assembly Solano County Board of Supervisors Karen Lange, Legislative Advocate

