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May 19, 2026

The Honorable Juan Carrillo, Chair
Assembly Local Government Committee
1020 N Street, Room 517
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 1414 (Reyes) – County of San Bernardino Citizens Redistricting Commission – As Amended April 8, 2026 – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Carrillo and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Chino, we write in opposition to SB 1414.

SB 1414 imposes a state-mandated redistricting structure on San Bernardino County, replacing a voter-approved framework that has already demonstrated transparency, public engagement, and effective outcomes. Overriding this locally adopted system creates uncertainty for cities that rely on stable and predictable county governance and coordinated regional decision-making.

The bill raises significant concerns about local control. SB 1414 limits San Bernardino County's ability to establish governance structures that reflect regional needs and voter intent, while introducing vague, subjective requirements for funding, outreach, and commissioner qualifications. These provisions increase the risk of disputes, administrative inefficiencies, and legal challenges, and set a troubling precedent for state intervention into local governance, particularly for charter counties and their partner cities. Disruptions or delays in the redistricting process can also affect coordination across jurisdictions that depend on clear and timely district boundaries.

Finally, SB 1414 would create significant fiscal pressures by establishing an unfunded mandate likely exceeding \$2 million, with no guarantee of state reimbursement. At a time when local governments are already facing budget constraints, these costs would further strain county resources and may impact regional services that cities depend on, including public safety coordination, infrastructure, and economic development.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge your "NO" vote on SB 1414.

Sincerely,



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May 21, 2026

The Honorable Tina McKinnor
Chair, Assembly Committee on Public Employment and Retirement
1020 N Street, Room 153
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits, OPPOSE (as amended 5/13/26)

Dear Assembly Member McKinnor,

The City of Chino must respectfully oppose AB 1383, which would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits and increase pension liability for public agencies.

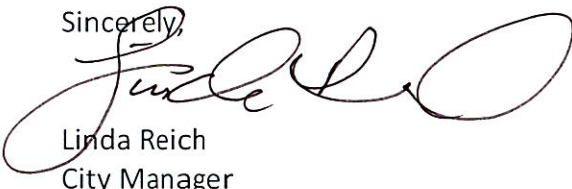
The Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) was designed to address a wide range of issues involving public employee pensions and was a major step in helping local agencies better manage future pension costs and prevent the California Public Employees Retirement System from sliding into insolvency. AB 1383 would upend many of the reforms enacted by PEPRA in 2013.

While we recognize and appreciate the bill's intent to support the recruitment and retention of essential public safety professionals, it would increase mandated costs without funding. The potential cost of this bill comes at a time of uncertainty. Fiscal volatility in the market, compounded by increased benefit costs from this bill, could lead to significant cost increases for local governments.

While our city supports competitive recruitment and retention for all public employees, AB 1383 represents an unfunded mandate that fails to balance sustainable retirement benefits with taxpayer fairness and long-term financial stability.

For these reasons, the City of Chino strongly opposes AB 1383.

Sincerely,



Linda Reich
City Manager

cc. Senator Susan Rubio
Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez
Laura Varela, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities, lvarela@cacities.org
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The Honorable Susan Rubio
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Suite 8710
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: SB 866 (Blakespear) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention program: housing element.
Notice of OPPOSITION

Dear Senator Rubio,

The City of Chino must respectfully **oppose SB 866 (Blakespear)**. SB 866 would require all but 14 cities to add extensive homelessness reporting requirements to their housing elements, targeting cities that do not receive state funding to address homelessness.

Currently, the state's flagship homelessness grant program, the Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention (HHAP) program, allocates funding to all 58 counties, 44 Continuums of Care (CoCs), and the 14 cities in California with populations over 300,000. To receive HHAP funding, grantees must submit a regionally coordinated homelessness action plan to the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department that includes specific system performance metrics.

SB 866 would copy these system performance metrics from the HHAP regional plans and impose them as a separate reporting requirement only on cities not receiving state funding – forcing them to track these metrics in their housing elements. Some of the metrics are nearly impossible for cities to collect. For example, the bill requires cities to share information about the number of people who become homeless after exiting institutional settings, including jails, prisons, and hospitals. These are systems operated by counties, the state, or private entities, not cities.

Additionally, some of the data required under SB 866 is already collected through existing systems. CoCs receive federal funding to conduct annual point-in-time counts to gather key homelessness data. This data includes the number of individuals who are unhoused and if an individual has been unhoused long enough to be considered chronically homeless. Despite this information being collected and publicly shared by CoCs, SB 866 shifts the responsibility for collecting and reporting it to cities, without providing us with any additional funding to do so.

The data requirements in SB 866 would create significant administrative burdens for communities that already do not receive state financial support to address homelessness. The challenge of



collecting and reporting this data may jeopardize our ability to achieve compliance with the housing element and expose us to legal action by the state.

Our city is also concerned that this measure would create siloed data. SB 866 would require over 400 cities to collect and report data independently through their housing elements, while counties and larger cities continue to do so through regional plans. It is unclear how HCD would synthesize this data into meaningful, actionable policy at the statewide level.

Although we understand the goal of increasing transparency about the efforts of smaller cities to address the state's homelessness crisis, it can't come at the expense of burdening the smallest cities with housing element requirements that will not be applied equally to other local governments.

Each year, the Legislature introduces bills that significantly complicate cities' efforts to secure housing element certification. These multi-year planning efforts are already complex, time-consuming, and expensive. SB 866 would add yet another layer of reporting requirements – through a non-reimbursable state mandate – placing a disproportionate burden on smaller cities.

For these reasons, the City of Chino respectfully **opposes SB 866 (Blakespear)**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Reich", written over a large, stylized circular flourish.

Linda Reich
City Manager

cc. Assembly Member Michelle Rodriguez
Laura Varela, Regional Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities, lvarela@cacities.org
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June 1, 2026

The Honorable Assemblymember John Harabedian
Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee
1021 O Street, Room 4350
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Senator Chris Cabaldon
Vice Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee
1021 O Street, Room 7320
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: 2026-127 Local Law Enforcement – Human Trafficking Audit: SUPPORT

Dear Members,

As Chief of Police, I respectfully support this audit request and believe it is critical that policymakers fully evaluate the impacts of both SB 357 (Wiener, 2022) and AB 379 (Schultz, 2025) on public safety, community quality of life, and efforts to combat human trafficking.

This audit should include a comprehensive review of the practical effects of these measures on California communities. Such an assessment should incorporate input from key stakeholders, including city managers, law enforcement leaders, prosecutors, business owners, and community members, to better understand how prostitution-related activity has changed before and after the enactment of these laws.

SB 357, which took effect on January 1, 2023, repealed the prohibition against loitering with the intent to commit prostitution. Since its implementation, many jurisdictions have reported significant increases in visible prostitution activity and associated concerns regarding human trafficking and organized criminal enterprises. From a law enforcement perspective, the repeal removed an important tool that officers previously used to intervene in areas experiencing chronic prostitution activity, identify potential victims of exploitation, and disrupt criminal networks involved in trafficking.



Recognizing these concerns, the Legislature enacted AB 379 in 2025, which restored portions of the prior law by reestablishing certain prohibitions related to loitering for the purpose of prostitution. While this legislation represented a positive step toward addressing the unintended consequences of SB 357, many communities continue to experience elevated levels of prostitution-related activity. These ongoing issues raise significant public safety concerns, particularly when such activity occurs near schools, parks, daycare centers, residential neighborhoods, and commercial districts.

An independent, data-driven audit would provide legislators with an objective assessment of how these policy changes have affected local communities, law enforcement operations, victim identification efforts, and overall public safety. The findings would help inform future legislative decisions and ensure that California's laws effectively balance individual rights, community safety, and efforts to combat human trafficking.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to approve this audit request and provide policymakers with the information necessary to evaluate the real-world impacts of decriminalizing and subsequently modifying the loitering-for-prostitution statutes. Should you require any further information or wish to discuss this matter in greater detail, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at (909) 334-3093 or via email at Kmensen@chinopd.org.

Sincerely,

Kevin Mensen



Chief of Police, City of Chino

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June 18, 2026

The Honorable Sean P. Duffy
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Subject: City of Montclair, California – Central Avenue Bridge Replacement Project

Dear Secretary Duffy,

On behalf of the City of Chino, I am writing to support the City of Montclair's (City) application to the Bridge Investment Program for the Central Avenue Bridge Replacement Project (Project). The City, in cooperation with the County of San Bernardino and the California Department of Transportation, will replace the structurally deficient Central Avenue Bridge that crosses over the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) corridor. The Project will address deficiencies by replacing the bridge and widening it from four to six lanes. The new bridge will improve UPRR's freight operations by removing bridge supports within their right of way, providing operational improvements at the adjacent Montclair Yard, and increasing goods movement capacity. In addition, the Project will include Class II bike lanes and sidewalks to ensure safer active transportation routes.

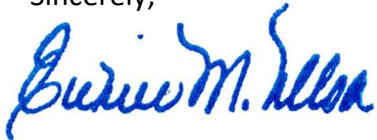
The City of Chino (population 91,403) is best known for its small-town charm and prime Southern California location. Nestled in the western Inland Empire in San Bernardino County, Chino borders Los Angeles and Riverside Counties and is only two miles from the border of Orange County. This location offers access to international shipping ports, large fulfillment centers, private and international airports, and access to major freeways. With a population growth of nearly 25% between 2010 and 2020, Chino is one of California's fastest growing cities. The Project is located less than one mile north of Chino and will be an added investment to our community as Central Avenue is a principal arterial road that serves as a connection between the Interstate 10 freeway (located in Montclair) and State Route 60 (located in Chino). The Project is crucial as it ensures efficient traffic flow between two major freeways, reducing delays and supporting regional mobility.



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The Project will enhance safety, improve goods movement, reduce traffic congestion, provide better access for bicyclists and pedestrians, improve air quality, and ensure well-maintained infrastructure in our region. The City of Chino supports the City of Montclair's funding request for this Project and asks that it be considered under the Bridge Investment Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Eunice M. Ulloa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Eunice M. Ulloa
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cc: Chino City Council
Hye Jin Lee, Director of Public Works, City of Chino

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June 19, 2026

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, 4510
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 1821 — California Public Records Act: Agency Response Time — SUPPORT
As June 10, 2026)**

On behalf of the City of Chino, I write in support of Assembly Bill 1821, which would make several important updates to the California Public Records Act, including preserving the clarification that certain agency response periods are calculated in business days rather than calendar days. As amended June 10, 2026, the bill also addresses designated methods for submitting public records requests and limited fee authority for commercial use requests and requests determined by a court to have been submitted with malicious intent.

Public agencies are committed to transparency and providing timely access to public records. At the same time, the volume, complexity, and format of public records have changed significantly. Requests now routinely involve large volumes of email, text messages, electronic files, audio and video recordings, body-worn camera footage, and other digital records that must be searched, reviewed, and, when legally required, redacted before release. This work often requires coordination among multiple departments, information technology staff, legal counsel, and records personnel.

Current law requires an agency to make its initial determination within 10 calendar days, with a possible 14-calendar-day extension under unusual circumstances. Because those timeframes include weekends and holidays, agencies may not have the full number of working days needed to conduct a thorough, legally compliant review. AB 1821 would provide a more practical and consistent framework by changing those periods to 10 and 14 business days, respectively. This important change remains in the bill as amended on June 10, 2026.

The June 10 amendments also recognize the importance of clear intake procedures for public records requests. AB 1821 would require agencies to designate a physical office location and a specified email address for submission of requests, while allowing agencies to identify other reasonable submission methods, such as a mailing address or online portal. This would help provide



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clarity to both requesters and agencies, reduce confusion about whether a request has been properly submitted, and support timely processing through established public-facing channels.

This adjustment is especially important for local agencies where staffing is limited and public records responsibilities are often carried out by employees who also support public meetings, elections, boards and commissions, agenda management, contract routing, records management, and other core services. A business-day standard would not reduce an agency's obligation to respond to records requests or make disclosable records available. Rather, it would help ensure that agencies have a reasonable opportunity to identify responsive records, determine whether exemptions apply, protect confidential or legally protected information, and provide accurate responses.

AB 1821 would also provide limited authority to recover search and review costs for commercial use requests, while exempting requests made by educational or non-commercial scientific institutions, government agencies, and representatives of the news media. The bill would also allow an agency to petition the superior court for a determination that a request was submitted with malicious intent before imposing search and review fees in that circumstance. These provisions are aimed at preserving access for public-interest requesters while recognizing the significant staff time and public resources that may be required to process certain requests.

For the City of Chino, public records requests have increased significantly and become more complex, requiring more interdepartmental coordination in recent years. In 2025, the City of Chino received approximately 6,085 requests (1,114 by the City Clerk, 4,971 by Chino PD), many of which required the review of emails, text messages, video footage, police records, contracts, personnel-related records, and numerous other documents. By comparison, in 2022, the City received a total of 4,787 requests, 487 by the City and 3,186 by Chino PD. Even when staff work diligently, weekends and holidays can materially reduce the actual time available to complete the required review. AB 1821 would provide a more realistic timeline while preserving the public's right to access disclosable public records.

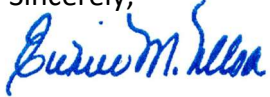
California's local agency clerks, records managers, and other public records professionals see firsthand how important it is to balance prompt public access with careful legal compliance. AB 1821 supports that balance. It recognizes that public records work is not simply a matter of locating a document; it frequently requires thoughtful review to protect privacy, privileged communications, confidential information, and other records exempt from disclosure under state or federal law.

For these reasons, the City of Chino supports AB 1821. We thank you for your leadership on this most important issue. Please do not hesitate to contact Vivian Castro, Deputy City Manager, at

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vcastro@cityofchino.org or 909-334-3307 should you have any questions or wish to discuss our position.

Sincerely,



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cc: Senate Committee on Judiciary
Honorable Susan Rubio
Honorable Michelle Rodriguez
Chino City Council
California Municipal Clerks Association
League of California Cities