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The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr.  
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**RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Counties and Cities: Contracts for Personal Services. Notice of Opposition)**

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

The City of Eastvale must again respectfully express our continued opposition to your Assembly Bill (AB) 1250, which effectively eliminates almost all contracting services for cities and counties.

None of the proposed edits to AB 1250 address the core issue of having the State impose unnecessary and costly regulatory requirements before local agencies can make basic business decisions on how best to provide necessary services to their citizens and businesses. This is also another “**local control**” issue, one which on those merits alone should be aggressively opposed. AB 1250 will negatively impact every California City and County’s ability to provide cost effective and timely public services necessary for public safety, economic development, and basic quality of life amenities.

What public purpose does AB 1250 serve? I have asked this question and yet no one can answer it. What is broken in the current system of local elected officials and their professional staff determining the most cost effective and fiscally prudent staffing to perform municipal operations, public safety, and services necessary to support economic development and quality of life? Today, California Cities and Counties utilize private sector staffing to:

- Perform professional services requiring specialized training, licenses, and certifications
- Augment existing public sector staff to address workload spikes which exceed the capacity of public agency staff
- Provide short term staff to “fill in” vacant positions to maintain the consistency and continuity of mission critical work functions
- Provide Interim Executive Management staffing when key management positions become vacant

AB 1250 will jeopardize Cities and Counties ability to utilize contract staff necessary to maintain public safety standards, ensure reliable infrastructure (transportation network/traffic safety, water supply and distribution, drainage, sanitary sewer transmission, treatment, and disposal, etc), and facilitate the investment of private dollars to build high quality development by requiring:

- Unnecessary analysis and increasing costs to contract for required financial, economic, engineering, municipal operations, and legal services



- Required cost benefit analysis prior to utilizing private sector staffing
- Requirement to provide an Orientation for contract staff
- Requiring private sector wages to be equal to or greater than public sector staff
- Requires all contracts with firms vs individuals
- For contracts greater than \$100K, requires additional administrative requirements for private sector companies which will increase costs to public agency
- Identification of potential impacts to the environment
- Require private companies to pay for the cost of the unnecessary cost benefit analysis
- Require Private companies to pay for mandatory audits

The bottom line impacts of AB 1250 will be:

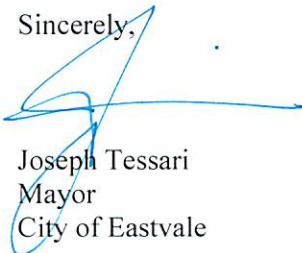
- Performing unnecessary and costly work just to be able to justify the need to hire contract help. This will delay the ability to perform mission critical services and increase the cost for those services
- Increase the cost of contract services due to new/unnecessary requirements mandated by AB 1250
- Decreased competition on some contract work due to private sector companies refusing to disclose required confidential financial information
- Diminishes Cities and Counties ability to perform core services due to slow down caused by AB 1250 to contract for necessary services and increased cost of services

Cities continue to face difficult budget conditions, which have been compounded by recent state takeaways including the loss of redevelopment and expanding pension, retiree health care obligations and unfunded state mandates. This measure compounds existing constitutional limitations on local agencies to raise additional revenue. Thus, local agencies are in no position to have their flexibility, ingenuity and innovation further curtailed.

The workload, privacy concerns, costs and litigation created by this measure places an overwhelming and significant burden on nearly every city department and would create a de facto ban on virtually all contracting services.

For these reasons the City of Eastvale will continue to **Oppose** Assembly Bill 1250.

Sincerely,



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