



CITY OF

Palos Verdes Estates

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April 17, 2017

The Honorable Reginald Jones-Sawyer, Sr.
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 2117
Sacramento, CA 95814
VIA FAX: 916-319-2159

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer; as Amended 04/07/17) Counties and Cities: Contracts for Personal Services. Notice of Opposition

Dear Assembly Member Jones-Sawyer:

I am writing to express the City of Palos Verdes Estates' opposition to AB 1250. The proposal effectively eliminates almost all contracting services for cities and counties.

The proposed legislation would particularly impact smaller cities like Palos Verdes Estates. Our City currently contracts for a variety of services such as refuse collection, fire and paramedic services, tree trimming and parts of our planning process. As amended, AB 1250 places substantial burdens on local agencies by adding onerous, overly prescriptive and unnecessary requirements that impede local control and would have significant impacts on local governance.

The City of Palos Verdes Estates currently faces a significant budget shortfall. To deal with our shortfall, we may be required to contract for additional services. Our City needs the flexibility now and will need the flexibility in the future to effectively manage our very limited resources and to provide critical service to our residents. AB 1250 places significant burdens on our City and all local agencies without the opportunity to recover the compliance costs associated with the measure.

The workload, heavy compliance costs and litigation that could be created by this measure would place an overwhelming burden on nearly every department in our City. We are concerned that the measure would create a de facto ban on virtually all contract services. Our City simply cannot afford the burden AB 1250.

For these reasons, the City of Palos Verdes Estates opposes AB 1250.

Sincerely,

James D. Vandever, Mayor
City of Palos Verdes Estates

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