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May 18, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher, Chair  
Assembly Appropriations Committee  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assembly Member Lorena Gonzalez-Fletcher:

**RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) Counties and Cities: Contracts for  
Personal Services – OPPOSE**

The City of West Hollywood opposes AB 1250 which authorizes the conditions under which a city or county agency can contract for personal services. As a contract city, the City of West Hollywood contracts with outside providers, including law enforcement, for municipal services. AB 1250 places substantial burdens on our city's operations, requires increased and unnecessary reporting requirements, and severely intrudes on local control, to the point that it essentially eliminates all contracting services.

As a small city of approximately 40,000 people, flexibility in local governance is necessary in order to maintain the city's financial health. Contracting for services has allowed the City the ability to provide critical services without creating additional financial burdens on residents. By significantly limiting the circumstances under which the city can contract for services and creating onerous new requirements and financial burdens on cities, AB 1250 will place the city's finances in jeopardy.

In particular, AB 1250 will increase city costs for 1) an orientation to contracted employees, a cost that will be unpredictable based on the number of contracts and associated employees; 2) creation of a new, fully searchable database that must be posted on the city's website that will create substantial costs in staff time and workload; 3) a cost-benefit analysis which includes the impacts of outsourcing. These costs, again, will vary based on the number of contracts; and, 4) a full environmental impact analysis triggered by contracting for services, whose costs will be unpredictable based on the number of contracts.

The City of West Hollywood concurs with the League of California Cities that allowing increased costs to be passed to the contractor, as included in the most recent amendments (April 25, 2017), will just give contractors license to include the extra costs in their contracts.





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AB 1250 would negate the City's ability, as a contract city, to provide quality services to its residents.

The City of West Hollywood strongly urges the Assembly Appropriations Committee to reject AB 1250.

Respectfully,

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City Manager

Cc: Members, Assembly Appropriations Committee  
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