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The Honorable Liz Ortega
California State Assembly
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**RE: AB 339 (Ortega): Local public employee organizations: notice requirements
Notice of Opposition – City of Newport Beach**

Dear Assemblymember Ortega,

On behalf of the City of Newport Beach, I write to express my opposition to AB 339 (Ortega) which would amend the Government Code to enhance notice requirements for local public employee organizations. While transparency and fairness are essential in public employment practices, this bill introduces unnecessary burdens that could hinder the efficiency and responsiveness of public agencies.

The requirement of a 120-day notice before issuing requests for proposal, contract extensions or renewals, and quotes is excessively rigid and could impede the timely delivery of essential public services. Public agencies operate in dynamic environments where flexibility is vital, and imposing an extended notice period would create administrative inefficiencies and delay the implementation of essential services. Additionally, the bill could dissuade private entities from contracting with public agencies by introducing potential delays and uncertainty, driving up service costs and reducing competition.

Additionally, AB 339 creates an exemption for emergencies, albeit with ambiguity around what constitutes an emergency situation. This lack of clarity could lead to disputes and legal challenges, further complicating the process and delaying the administration of critical public services. This added confusion would divert resources away from public services and

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place increased burdens on local public agencies. Resources would further be diverted from public services due to the increased staffing that would be required to manage compliance with the new regulations.

For the above reasons, the City of Newport Beach respectfully opposes AB 339.

Sincerely,



Joe Stapleton
Mayor
City of Newport Beach

cc: Newport Beach City Council