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The Honorable Tina McKinnor
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5520
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1383 (McKinnor) Public employees' retirement benefits: safety members Notice of Opposition – City of Newport Beach

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor,

The City of Newport Beach respectfully opposes AB 1383, which would make several significant changes to public employees' retirement benefits and lead to increased 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 put in place in 2013 by PEPRA.

We recognize and appreciate the intent of the bill to support the recruitment and retention of essential public safety professionals, but the bill would increase mandated costs without funding. The potential cost of this bill comes at a time of uncertainty. The fiscal volatility in the market, compounded with the increased benefit costs from this bill, could lead to serious 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 Newport Beach respectfully opposes AB 1383.

Sincerely,

Lauren Kleiman
Mayor
City of Newport Beach

Cc: Newport Beach City Council