



April 16, 2024

The Honorable Avelino Valencia
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 4120
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 2946 (Valencia): Discretionary funds: County of Orange
As amended 3/21/24 – CONCERNS
Set for hearing 4/24/24 – Assembly Local Government Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Valencia:

On behalf of the Urban Counties of California (UCC), the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), I write to express concerns regarding your Assembly Bill 2946, a measure that would require the Orange County Board of Supervisors to handle certain items of appropriation in a specific manner. Even though AB 2946 explicitly applies to the County of Orange, we are concerned about some language used in the bill and the precedent-setting nature of the measure.

We understand that your primary interest exists with the process by which county funds are appropriated to each supervisor for purposes of awarding such funds to community organizations. AB 2946's definition of "discretionary funds" extends far beyond this limited scope to all county general purpose revenue used for its budget; essentially, any county resource that is not a state, federal, grant, or restricted fee dollar would be subject to the limitation imposed by the bill. This imprecise definition has the potential to hamstring a board of supervisors to such an extent that a final budget could not be approved by the statutory deadline.

We respectfully request your consideration of an amendment that more narrowly defines the items of appropriation subject to the limitations of the bill. Such an amendment would address our concerns about the precedent-setting nature of AB 2946, as AB 2946 would serve as a model for any future legislation that may be considered on this topic.

We greatly appreciate your consideration of our concerns and are available to assist your staff on this matter should that be helpful.

Sincerely,



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