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Simi Valley, CA 93063  
September 13, 2024

Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission  
c/o Mr. Kai Luoma, Executive Officer  
801 S. Victoria Avenue, Suite 301  
Ventura, CA 93003

Re: Agenda Items No. 17 (Employee Annual Performance  
Evaluation - Title: LAFCo Executive Officer), and  
No. 20 (Letter to Governor Gavin Newsom Requesting his  
signature on Senate Bill 1209 (Cortese)).

Dear Members of the Commission:

I am writing to express my support for Agenda Items  
No. 17, and No. 20 for the following reasons.

AGENDA ITEM No. 17 (LAFCO EXECUTIVE OFFICER)

- #1 - Though I have not emailed, nor addressed any  
Agenda Items in a long while, I still tune in to  
your meetings, and read your meetings' Agendas,  
and each item listed.
- #2 - Your staff, with Mr. Luoma at the helm, have  
surpassed all expectations as changes take place  
at the State Legislature, and Calafco levels.
- #3 - Just reading the website's posted honorable  
awards is enough to let the visitor know that  
staff is worthy of admiration.

AGENDA ITEM NO. 20 (LETTER to GOVERNOR GAVIN NEWSOM)

- #1 - It is stated in the third paragraph, second  
sentence, of the August 28, 2024 letter to  
Governor Newsom that "Absent an indemnification  
authority - and because LAFCo funds statutorily  
required from the county, cities, and special  
districts within a county - any costs to defend

litigation end up being absorbed by a LAFCo's funding agencies."

I am especially concerned over the impacts to the County of Ventura's 3 public cemetery districts:

1. Bardsdale Cemetery District - Bardsdale Cemetery.
2. El Rancho Simi Cemetery District - El Rancho Simi Pioneer Cemetery.
3. Piru Public Cemetery District - Piru Cemetery.

#2 - It is stated in the same paragraph, second sentence, that "Consequently, SB 1209 will allow LAFCOs to use indemnification agreements which, in turn, will ensure they can meet their statutory obligations and make decisions without being hindered by the potential costs of defending lawsuits." "PEACE OF MIND" is PRICELESS! Thank you.

Sincerely,

Teresa Jordan