



April 11, 2022

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
Chair, Assembly Local Government Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 6350
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: AB 1944 (Lee) - Public Meetings – SUPPORT

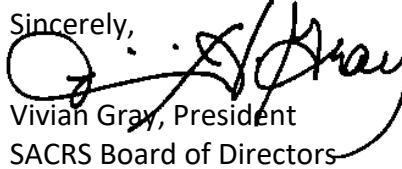
Dear Assemblymember Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the State Association of County Retirements (SACRS), I am pleased to support AB 1944 (Lee), which creates additional flexibility and teleconference options for the public for local legislative body teleconference meetings under the Brown Act.

The bill would specify that teleconference locations that are not public do not need to be identified in the notice or agenda or be accessible to the public when a body has allowed members to participate via teleconferencing and requires all public teleconference meetings to provide a video stream accessible to the public as well as an option for the public to provide public comment through a video or call-in option.

SACRS consists of 20 independent county retirement systems in California that were created as part of the CERL of 1937. During the pandemic, SACRS member systems have relied upon the Brown Act flexibilities created via Executive Order and previous legislation to continue to conduct business while keeping the public and members safe. Even as the pandemic continues to evolve, local agencies recognize the benefits of teleconferencing to both members of the legislative body and the public who wish to participate remotely.

AB 1944 provides more flexibility to both local agencies utilizing teleconferencing for legislative body meetings and more options for the public to participate in public teleconference meetings. For these reasons, I respectfully request your “AYE” vote on the bill.

Sincerely,

Vivian Gray, President
SACRS Board of Directors

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