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Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr.
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

**Re: SB 922 (Steinberg) – Project Labor Agreements
REQUEST FOR VETO**

Dear Governor Brown:

The Urban Counties Caucus (UCC), a coalition of California's most populous counties, is in opposition to SB 922, which is pending on your desk. This bill would prohibit public agencies from having a provision, initiative, or ordinance that prevents the governing body from considering a project labor agreement (PLA) on a project-by-project basis.

While UCC does not have a position on PLAs specifically, we have serious concerns with the provision of the bill that seems to interfere with local control and does not provide flexibility to counties to decide for themselves what would work best for their community for public works contracts. Some local governments that have adopted a ban on PLAs have done so through voter initiative and this bill states that a local agency can continue with a PLA regardless of whether an initiative was passed by the voters. This would seem to overturn the will of the voters in these jurisdictions.

For the above reasons, the Urban Counties Caucus urges you to **VETO** SB 922. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at (916) 327-7531.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jolena L. Voorhis".

Jolena L. Voorhis
Executive Director

cc: Senator Steinberg
David Lanier, Governor's Office

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