

**MEMORANDUM**  
OFFICE OF THE  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE  
COUNTY OF PLACER

**TO:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Thomas M. Miller, Placer County Executive Officer  
By: Ron Baker, Senior Administrative Services Officer 

**DATE:** July 12, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the Chairman to Sign a Letter Requesting the Governor Veto Senate Bill 931

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Action Requested: Adopt a Resolution authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter requesting the Governor veto Senate Bill 931.

Background/Summary:

*SB931(Vargas)* would prohibit local governments from using tax dollars to obtain outside consultants or legal advisors for the purpose of counseling our Board about ways to minimize or deter the exercise of public employee union activities. While current law already forbids public agencies from intimidating, restraining, coercing or discriminating against public employees who exercise their collective bargaining rights, SB 931 would deny public employers the right to obtain advice from outside counsel on how to abide by this restriction and refrain from violating that statute.

As such, this bill would interfere with attorney-client privilege as specifically permitted local governments under the Meyers-Miliias-Brown Act and would restrict your Board's ability to obtain necessary legal counsel regarding your responsibilities in collective bargaining. In addition, by not placing a similar restriction on employee organizations, this bill would provide those organizations with an unfair advantage in collective bargaining.

For these reasons, staff recommends that your Board approve the attached resolution to authorize the Chairman to sign the attached letter urging the Governor to veto SB 931.

Fiscal Impact: There is no fiscal impact of signing the letter requesting the veto SB931.

Attachments: Resolution  
Letter of opposition to SB931

# Before the Board of Supervisors County of Placer, State of California

In the matter of:  
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
TO SIGN A LETTER REQUESTING THE VETO  
OF SENATE BILL 931

Resol. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Ord. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

The following RESOLUTION was duly passed by the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Placer at a regular meeting held July 12, 2011,  
by the following vote on roll call:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Signed and approved by me after its passage.

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Chair, Board of Supervisors

Attest:  
Clerk of said Board

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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER,  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA, that this Board authorizes and directs the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
to sign a letter requesting the Governor veto Senate Bill 931.