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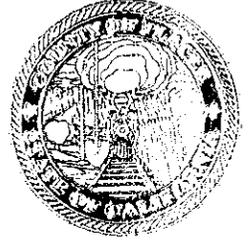
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June 19, 2013

Honorable Senator Jim Beall, Chair
Senate Public Employment and Retirement Policy Committee
State Capitol, Room 2040
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 616 (Bocanegra) – Local Public Employee Organizations: dispute; Fact Finding

Dear Senator Beall:

The Placer County Board of Supervisors wishes to express opposition to AB 616, as amended June 17, 2013, which allows either an employer or an employee representative to seek a determination from the Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) as to whether the parties have reached impasse during labor negotiations and, further, would extend the timeline for an employee representative to submit a dispute to fact-finding.

Approval of AB 616 is anticipated to increase work backlog at PERB, result in unnecessary time delays for the conclusion of negotiations, and affecting tax payers by adding another cost to already financially challenged local government agencies.

AB 616 unnecessarily modifies terms of the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act, the collective bargaining law that has successfully permitted local government agencies to enact their own reasonable rules and regulations for governing employee relations. Placer County contends that AB 616 expands government bureaucracy, increases inefficiency, and results in increased costs and workloads for the PERB, an agency already impacted with prior legislation implementation.

AB 646 established the right of employees to request fact-finding, a process which Placer County estimates will add at least 6 months to the bargaining process. Approval of AB 616 will only delay the conclusion of labor negotiations further.

We respectfully request removal of AB 616 from consideration, as the provisions are not consistent with the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act.

Sincerely,

COUNTY OF PLACER

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jim Holmes".

Jim Holmes, Chairman (District 3)
Placer County Board of Supervisors

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