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June 2, 2017

Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblymember Jones-Sawyer:

The San Diego County Board of Supervisors opposes AB 1250, your measure related to counties and contracts for personal services. Under existing law, the Board of Supervisors of a county is authorized to contract for special services with persons specially trained, experienced, expert and competent to perform the services. These services may include financial, engineering, legal and administrative services.

AB 1250 would establish specific standards for the use of personal services contracts. These standards include requiring a county contracting for personal services, currently or customarily performed by county employees, to first meet several conditions, including requiring that the board of supervisors clearly demonstrate that the proposed contract will result in actual overall cost savings for the county for the duration of the contract and that the contract will not cause the displacement of county employees. AB 1250 also requires a county, or an independent auditor approved by the county, to perform a yearly audit and report for each contract valued at \$100,000 or more annually. The bill additionally impacts contractors by imposing new duties and reporting requirements, including reimbursing the county for the cost of the audit and the requirement to disclose information such as the salaries and benefits of its five highest paid employees, which then becomes public record. Additionally, contractors are required to disclose the names, job titles, and hourly rate of pay of their employees to the County which would leave the County vulnerable to litigation over personal privacy violations and decrease competition if private sector companies refuse to disclose the required information.

The County of San Diego makes extensive use of contracts with outside agencies. While AB 1250 does provide some exceptions, the bill would severely limit the County's ability to contract for services by imposing unnecessary and costly standards. The conditions imposed by AB 1250 increase costs and reduce opportunities to meet service delivery needs in the most effective manner with tax-payer dollars.

For these reasons, the County of San Diego is opposed to AB 1250. Please feel free to contact me at 916.441.0202 if you have any questions regarding our opposition to AB 1250.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Clay
Legislative Representative



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August 16, 2017

Senator Pat Bates
California 36th Senate District
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) – REQUEST TO PLACE ON SUSPENSE

Dear Senator Bates:

On behalf of the San Diego Center for Children (the “Center”), I write to respectfully request this bill be placed on suspense.

The Center is a nonprofit agency servicing the needs of children and families in San Diego County struggling with mental, emotional and behavioral disorders. For over 130 years, the Center has provided a comprehensive range of therapeutic and educational services that touch the lives of over 1,000 children, teens and families each day. The legislature proposed in this bill is of great concern to the Center, and countless other nonprofit service providers state-wide. There is no legitimate public policy concern that AB 1250 seeks to address. Adversely, the bill will create enormous barriers for counties to contract with community-based organizations for essential foster care and children’s mental health services at the expense of the most vulnerable in our community.

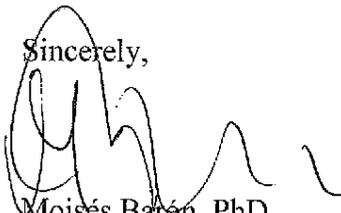
As a nonprofit service provider currently contracting with the County of San Diego, this legislature will have significant impacts on our programs and undermine the Center’s ability to provide residential treatment, intensive home-based services, wraparound, school-based mental health services, outpatient behavioral services and mental health services to foster youth in Foster Family Agencies. San Diego County relies on our ability to provide these vital services as they either lack the expertise or internal capacity to provide the depth of service needed. AB 1250 would require counties to conduct time-consuming, onerous processes *before* contracting out these vital services; therefore discouraging the partnership and threatening the delay, disruption or overall elimination of these critical services. In addition, the bill also requires nonprofits to reimburse counties for the costs of extensive new audits, imposing financial hardships on already modest operating budgets.

Beyond our duty to the children and families in our care, the Center has a commitment to the privacy and well-being of our employees. One of the many excessive requirements of AB 1250 is the monthly disclosure of names, positions, and compensation of contracted employees which will be discoverable by Public Records Act requests. This unnecessary requirement raises significant privacy concerns for the

Center and our ability to recruit and retain qualified staff.

All things considering, AB 1250 would impose high criteria and significant barriers in the counties' ability to contract with nonprofit service providers at the expense of children and families that rely on these services. The regulations of this bill threaten contracts and partnerships with nonprofits that in no way jeopardize any job held by a county employee. In fact, the passage of this bill will be doing children and families an incredible disservice and significantly impact the quality of and access to social services they so desperately need.

We respectfully ask that you place this bill on suspense when it comes before you in Committee.

Sincerely,

Moisés Barón, PhD
President and CEO



September 1, 2017

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates
Senator, State of California
State Capitol, Suite 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) OPPOSE

Dear Senator Bates:

On behalf of the constituents we serve at San Diego Youth Services (SDYS), I am writing to express our concern about the negative impact AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) will have on the vulnerable youth and families we serve in San Diego. I am requesting that you oppose this bill as it will hamper the ability of San Diego County to contract vital services to nonprofits like SDYS.

Since 1970, SDYS has provided a continuum of residential, support and therapeutic services to homeless, abused and other at-risk youth. This includes shelters, foster homes, community centers and transitional housing for kids living on the streets, victims of commercial sexual exploitation, pregnant teens and young adults, youth suffering from mental illness and/or substance abuse and many other high risk youth. Through twenty contracts with the County of San Diego, we serve approximately 35,000 youth and their families each year.

AB1250 poses a serious threat to our youth's ability to access these services as it would be extremely difficult and much more costly for the County to attempt to replicate these services. For 47 years, SDYS has built relationships and partnership with communities, neighborhood schools, private funders and the business community to leverage the dollars received through our County contracts. Moreover, nonprofits like SDYS are able to provide these services more effectively and efficiently than the County. We must compete for these contracts and are accountable for achieving meaningful, measurable outcomes at the best financial value for the County.

San Diego Youth Services opposes AB 1250 and urges you to oppose it as well. There are times when County government is the best provider of some services. However, the range, depth, diversity and community impact of the services provided to some of San Diego's most vulnerable communities is best served by nonprofits in San Diego like SDYS. This bill will greatly limit and negatively impact the County of San Diego from being able to contract out these services. That is why SDYS is standing with more than 300 nonprofits throughout the State, including the San Diego Nonprofit Association, business leaders, the County of San Diego, and many others in opposition to AB 1250.

If you should have any questions or wish to contact me regarding this communication, you can reach me at (619)221-8601 or by email at wphilips@sdyouthservices.org.

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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July 7, 2017

The Honorable Mike McGuire
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Assembly Bill 1250 (Jones-Sawyer). Counties: Contracts for personal services. OPPOSE UNLESS AMENDED - As amended June 21, 2017

Dear Senator McGuire,

On behalf of San Diego Humane Society, I am writing to urge you to oppose AB 1250 unless it is amended to exempt contracts with nonprofits from the proposed rules for county jurisdictions.

Serving San Diego County since 1880, San Diego Humane Society's scope of social responsibility goes beyond adopting animals. San Diego Humane Society offers San Diegans a wide range of programs and services that strengthen the human-animal bond, prevent cruelty/neglect, provide medical care, educate the community on the humane treatment of animals and provide safety net services for all pet families needing assistance with keeping their pets. As San Diego's oldest nonprofit organization, San Diego Humane Society has campuses located in Escondido, Oceanside, and San Diego as well as adoption centers inside select Petco stores throughout San Diego County.

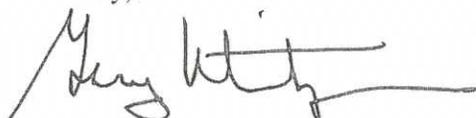
We share the widespread concern within California's nonprofit sector that AB 1250 will adversely impact nonprofits and more importantly, reduce services to vulnerable members of the communities we all serve through contracts with counties.

There are countless important reasons that counties turn to nonprofits to partner with them on delivery of critical services such as health and human services, animal welfare, juvenile justice, domestic violence, immigration matters and more.

AB 1250's provisions are far too onerous and would drive up unfunded overhead and compliance costs. Moreover, this bill would significantly limit the San Diego Humane Society's ability to provide meaningful comprehensive services to San Diegans – both the humans and the non-humans – throughout the County.

For these reasons, San Diego Humane Society opposes AB 1250 unless it is amended to exempt nonprofits. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Gary Weitzman, DVM, MPH, CAWA
President and CEO

cc: Senate Republican Leader Pat Bates, 36th District
Senator Joel Anderson, 38th District
Senator Toni Atkins, 39th District
Senator Ben Hueso, 40th District



San Diego Nonprofit Association

September 1, 2017

The Honorable Patricia C. Bates
Senator, State of California
State Capitol, Room 305
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) OPPOSE

Dear Senator Bates:

On behalf of the San Diego Nonprofit Association (SDNA), I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer).

SDNA represents nonprofit organizations that contract and/or partner with all levels of government to provide a vast network of community health and human services to the San Diego region. SDNA works to promote effective nonprofit-government relationships that advance public benefit missions and goals and seeks to build public-private partnerships of the highest order, with shared accountability for effective stewardship of public trust and public good.

SDNA opposes AB1250 based upon our assessment that, should it be passed, it would critically impact access to services for many of San Diego county's most vulnerable residents and their communities that rely on nonprofit, community based services for vital support and assistance. It also threatens long standing working partnerships between private community-based organizations and San Diego County that have been serving San Diego communities for over 45 years. The unfunded costs of the proposed audit requirements will: 1) result in fewer system resources available for direct services as administrative overhead costs increase (for both nonprofits and governments), and 2) will represent a significant entry barrier for smaller nonprofits that cannot afford the required audits.

For these reasons, SDNA respectfully requests that you oppose AB 1250 when it comes before you in Committee for a final vote.

If you should have any questions or wish to contact me regarding this communication, you can reach me at (619)518-5182 or by email at sdnagovernmentrelations@cox.net.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Leslie Hine', with a large, sweeping flourish at the beginning.

Leslie L. Hine
San Diego Nonprofit Association Government Relations Specialist

August 31, 2017

Senator Patricia C. Bates
California State Senate
Capitol Office, State Capitol Room 4048
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer) OPPOSE

Dear Senator Bates:

On behalf of North County Lifeline, I write to respectfully request your opposition to AB 1250 (Jones-Sawyer).

North County Lifeline is a community-based nonprofit organization that holds contracts and partnerships with all levels of government to provide a neighborhood-linked, accessible network of community crime prevention, child abuse intervention and behavioral health services to the northern areas of San Diego County, and services throughout the county. North County Lifeline works to promote effective public-private partnerships that build on the strengths of all partners to receive the best outcome for those most in need in our community with shared accountability.

North County Lifeline opposes AB 1250 based upon our assessment that, should it be passed, it would critically impact the critical access to services for many of San Diego County's most vulnerable residents and their communities that rely heavily on nonprofit, community-based services for vital support and assistance. It also threatens long standing working partnerships between private community-based organizations and San Diego County that have been serving San Diego communities for over 25 years. The unfunded costs of the proposed audit requirements will: 1) result in fewer system resources being available for direct services as administrative overhead costs increase (for both nonprofits and governments), and 2) will represent a significant entry barrier for smaller nonprofits that cannot afford the onerous required audits.

For these reasons, North County Lifeline respectfully requests that you oppose AB 1250 when it comes before you in Committee for a final vote.

If you should have any questions or wish to contact me regarding this communication, you may reach me at (760) 842-6250 or by email at dstump@nclifeline.org.

Sincerely,


Donald Stump
Executive Director
North County Lifeline