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February 24, 2020

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB931 – SUPPORT

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Dear Senator Wieckowski:

I write today on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild of Los Angeles (NLG-LA). NLG-LA is an association of civil rights lawyers, legal workers, and community members throughout the region. NLG was founded in 1937, and is the nation's oldest human rights Bar Association.

We write in strong support of SB931, which would create greater transparency for public meetings. SB931 would strengthen the Brown Act by requiring agencies to email copies of agendas and associated documents on request. This change will allow interested members of the public to attend and monitor meetings much more efficiently and effectively than is now possible, will prevent people missing meetings because mailed agenda materials arrived late, and will eliminate per-agenda charges for postage and copying.

This bill would vastly increase public access to local agency meetings and we thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact me by email Kath@NLG-LA.org or call (310) 313-3700.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kath Rogers'.

Kath Rogers

Attorney & Executive Director,
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