



August 8, 2022

The Honorable Rudy Salas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4016
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2953 (Salas): Recycled Materials Standards
NEUTRAL – AS PROPOSED TO BE AMENDED**

Dear Assembly Member Salas:

The League of California Cities (Cal Cities) had previously taken an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 2953, which would require local agencies to apply standard specifications for the use of recycled materials at or above the level allowed in the California Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans) most recently published standard specifications when feasible and cost effective. In light of the proposed amendments, **Cal Cities has removed our opposition and both Cal Cities and CSAC are neutral.**

As agreed, the proposed amendments remove the provision using annual average revenues for determining which local jurisdictions would be exempt from adopting the standards set forth by AB 2953, but rather use population, one hundred thousand (100,000) for counties and twenty-five thousand (25,000) for cities to determine which local jurisdictions would be exempted from using the updated standards.

Furthermore, we believe that these proposed amendments address the significant cost pressures on local jurisdictions as highlighted in the governor’s veto message of AB 1035 (2021).

CSAC and Cal Cities appreciate your commitment and the work to address our concerns. If you need additional information, please contact Damon Conklin (Cal Cities) at dconklin@calcities.org or Mark Neuburger (CSAC) at mneuburger@counties.org.

Sincerely,

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Damon Conklin
Legislative Representative
League of California Cities

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Mark Neuburger
Legislative Representative
California State Association of Counties

cc: Honorable Members of the Senate Committee on Appropriations
Jay Dickenson, Chief Consultant, Assembly Committee on Appropriations
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