



March 7, 2024

The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6240  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **AB 1785 (Pacheco): California Public Records Act  
As introduced 1/03/24 – CONCERNS  
Set for hearing 3/12/24 – Assembly Judiciary Committee**

Dear Assembly Member Pacheco:

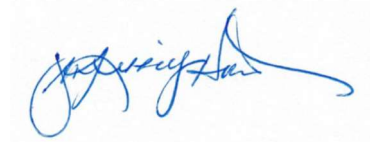
On behalf of the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the Urban Counties of California (UCC), and the Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC), we write to express our concerns with your Assembly Bill 1785. This measure would prohibit local agencies from posting an assessor's parcel number associated with an elected or appointed official on the internet without their written permission. While we can appreciate the desire to avoid inadvertent disclosure of an elected or appointed official's address, we are concerned about counties' practical and fiscal capacity to accurately and consistently ensure that this information is appropriately redacted.

Counties share an interest in protecting personal information, including home addresses, of elected and appointed officials; we, too, are concerned about the growing hostility and intimidation of public officials across the state. All too often, the Public Records Act is abused by those who seek to harass public officials and disrupt government operations. However, as currently drafted, the provisions of AB 1785 pose a significant challenge for counties to achieve and to do so effectively would require a significant investment in staff resources and interfere with the routine work of county recorders and assessors. Further, assessor parcel numbers are often used as a property descriptor in numerous departments responsible for property-related services, like planning, building, and code enforcement, resulting in additional workload across many departments. Given the serious fiscal challenges that exist at all levels of government, we are mindful that counties are unlikely to have the necessary resources to meet this new mandate.

We understand that you are working with county recorders and assessors to mitigate some of the practical and fiscal impacts that will potentially result from AB 1875 and we support

their efforts to amend the bill. In the meantime, however, we felt it appropriate and necessary to share our concerns about counties taking on this role. Please do not hesitate to reach out if we can provide additional information.

Sincerely,



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