



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

February 26, 2019

The Honorable Adrin Nazarian
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 229 (Nazarian) – As introduced on January 17, 2019 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblyman Nazarian:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 229, which requires the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to translate information notices and resources for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers into the CDSS threshold languages: English, Spanish, Armenian, and Cantonese.

Current state law and regulations require CDSS to translate information notices and resources for IHSS recipients into the four most common languages spoken by IHSS recipients known as the "CDSS threshold languages". However, no such requirement exists for IHSS providers. The result is that an estimated 40 percent of IHSS providers (roughly 200,000 individuals) receive program instructions, timesheets, tax notices, forms, and other important materials in a language that they do not understand.

By ensuring that the same language translation rules that apply to IHSS recipients also apply to providers, AB 229 will reduce duplicated workload, reduce errors due to confusion or lack of understanding, provide consistency across the state, and move IHSS toward equity for all IHSS providers.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports AB 229. If you have any questions regarding the County's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcountry.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curt Hagman".

Curt Hagman
Fourth District Supervisor
Chairman, San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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