



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

March 22, 2019

The Honorable Jose Medina
California State Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 964 (Medina) – As Amended March 14, 2019 – OPPOSE

Dear Assemblyman Medina:

The County of San Bernardino regrettably must oppose AB 964, legislation that would require counties to offer in-person jail visitation in all local detention facilities. The bill would also undue a previous agreement that was included in the 2017-18 State Budget that grandfathered local detention facilities that offered video visitation only prior to January 1, 2017.

While we are not opposed to providing in-person visitation, there are significant implementation and fiscal concerns with the proposal. San Bernardino County's High Desert Detention Center was designed and constructed to use video visitation exclusively. Accommodating in-person visitation would require major reconstruction that would cost in the tens of millions of dollars. It would also require an increase in staffing, at significant cost to taxpayers, to facilitate inmate movements and to monitor the visitation for the safety of visitors, staff and inmates.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino is opposed to AB 964. 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

cc: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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