



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

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Director

May 12, 2016

The Honorable Tony Mendoza
California State Senate
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95818

Re: SB 476 – (Mendoza) – As Amended on July 16, 2015 - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Mendoza:

The County of San Bernardino must regrettably oppose SB 476, legislation that would which would create a new mandate on local health departments to oversee day camps.

SB 476 would create a new mandate that exceeds the role of county public health departments to protect the health of our communities. Particularly troubling is Health & Safety Code Section 18897.4, which states “Every local health officer shall enforce within his or her jurisdiction the building standards published in the State Building Standards Code relating to organized camps and the other rules and regulations adopted by the Director of Public Health pursuant to Section 18897.2.”

This existing language regarding organized camps is already overly broad and should be revised. In fact, there has been no evidence presented that day camps present a public health risk.

For the above reasons, the County of San Bernardino respectfully opposes SB 476. 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 "James Ramos".

JAMES RAMOS
Board of Supervisors Chairman
Third District Supervisor
County of San Bernardino

c: San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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