



County Administrative Office
Governmental & Legislative Affairs

Josh Candelaria
Director

August 4, 2015

Honorable Jimmy Gomez
Chair, Assembly Appropriations Committee
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 762 (Wolk) – As Amended on July 16, 2015 – **SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Gomez:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 762, legislation that would establish a pilot program to allow counties, until January 1, 2020 to use a best value procurement process to award contracts in excess of \$1 million.

Participating counties would establish a procedure to prequalify bidders, including criteria used to evaluate bids in the solicitation and divide the bid provided by a bidders' qualifications score to develop an objective measure of best value. Further, counties could not make an award to the lowest responsible bidder on the basis of best value unless the county holds a public meeting and makes written findings that doing so would meet one or more of the following objectives: reducing project costs, expediting the competition of the project, or providing features not achievable through awarding the contract on the basis of the lowest bidder. SB 762 will offer counties additional tools to ensure that public works are built to the highest standard of quality while ensuring cost-effective investment of public funds.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino is pleased to support SB 762 and respectfully requests your "Aye" vote. If you have any questions, please contact Josh Candelaria, Director of Governmental and Legislative Affairs at (909) 387-4821 or at jcandelaria@sbcounty.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

Cc: Honorable Lois Wolk
Honorable Members and Consultants, Assembly Appropriations Committee
San Bernardino County Legislative Delegation

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