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The Honorable Ash Kalra
Chair, Assembly Judiciary Committee
1020 N Street, Room 104
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 1164 (Cervantes) Elections.**
As Amended May 14, 2026 – Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Chair Kalra,

On behalf of the City of Lomita, I respectfully submit this letter in **opposition to SB 1164** unless it is amended.

The City of Lomita is committed to fair and equitable elections and fully supports protecting every Californian's right to vote. In compliance with the California Voting Rights Act, the City transitioned to district-based elections through a transparent public process designed to increase representation and ensure compliance with state law.

While we appreciate the intent of SB 1164 to strengthen voting rights protections, we are concerned that the bill substantially expands potential legal liability and creates significant uncertainty for local governments that have already undertaken the costly and complex transition to district-based elections. By broadening the scope of election-related challenges and establishing new standards that extend beyond existing law, SB 1164 may expose cities to additional litigation, administrative burdens, and substantial legal costs, even where jurisdictions have acted in good faith to comply with current statutory requirements.

For smaller cities like Lomita, defending election-related litigation can divert limited financial resources away from essential municipal services, including public safety, infrastructure, parks, and community programs. The potential for increased litigation may also create uncertainty for jurisdictions seeking to administer local elections in a fair, transparent, and efficient manner.

The City respectfully requests that the Legislature carefully consider amendments that preserve strong voting rights protections while providing greater clarity, predictability, and certainty for local governments that have already complied with California's district-based election requirements.

For these reasons, the City of Lomita respectfully **opposes SB 1164** unless it is amended to address these concerns.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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