

April 11, 2017

The Honorable Anna M. Caballero
California State Assembly District 30
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249-0030

Re: Proposed Legislation to Amend GC 24304.2

Dear Assemblymember Caballero:

Your many years of public service to this County have not gone unnoticed. On behalf of San Benito County, I wish to express our gratitude for your leadership and commitment to helping San Benito County.

In 2016, the Board of Supervisors discussed the potential of pursuing a cost-saving and effective reconsolidation of the elective Offices of Auditor-Controller and Treasurer-Tax Collector for San Benito County. Specifically, during the February 16th, 2016 Board of Supervisors Retreat Meeting, Board members expressed interest regarding the potential for legislation that would allow the County to consolidate the Offices of Auditor-Controller with the Treasurer-Tax Collector. This matter was further discussed at the 2017 Board retreat, and then again at the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on April 11, 2017. At the April 11, 2017 meeting, this letter and the County's action to pursue this legislation was approved by the Board of Supervisors. As you know, the County is requesting identical legislative authority previously granted to the counties of Mendocino, Santa Cruz, Sonoma, Trinity and Tulare. As discussed at our meeting on December 21st, 2016, your assistance in attaining a legislative solution is important to San Benito County, a small rural county. San Benito County is experiencing significant financial challenges and seeking out better customer-service delivery options.

San Benito County is in support of a bill that provides this desired equitable legislative option. As you are aware, the proposed legislation represents an estimated County General Fund savings of over Two-Hundred-Thousand Dollars (\$200,000+). A copy of the proposed legislative language needed to amend Government Code §24304.2 is attached for your reference.

I look forward to working with you on the development of this legislation and thank you again for agreeing to carry this important piece of legislation to help San Benito County in its quest to develop more effective and efficient governance structures with the County's elective Offices.

Sincerely,

Jaime De La Cruz
Chair of the Board of Supervisors