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July 29, 2016

Honorable Jerry Brown
California State Governor
State Capitol Building – Suite 1173
Sacramento, CA 95814
Via Fax: (916) 558-3160

Re: SB 1298 (Hertzberg) –Oppose

Dear Governor Brown:

The City Council of the City of Glendora at its July 12, 2016 meeting heard testimony and considerable public comments concerning SB 1298 (Hertzberg). At the conclusion of the discussion the City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 1298.

We appreciate Senator Hertzberg's acknowledgement of the challenges cities are facing with the daunting costs related to the LA Co. 2012 MS4 Permit, and we appreciate his desire to assist us by providing a funding source for the costs.

SB 1298 attempts to expand the definition of sewer service to encompass stormwater management. If SB 1298 is adopted, those costs can then be added to property assessments by using the ballot protest vote rather than a vote at the ballot box.

While we agree that more flexibility is needed, we oppose SB 1298 because we strongly believe it violates the intent of Prop 218, The Right to Vote Act, in which citizens clearly voted to have the right to vote on taxes, charges, fees and assessments. Proposition 218 was adopted by the voters of the State and any carve out of services or areas from its oversight can only be done by the voters themselves and not through legislative process.

The City of Glendora urges you to veto this bill should it make it to your desk, and ask that you uphold the right of voters to approve new taxes being placed upon them.

Sincerely,

CITY OF GLENDORA

Gene Murabito
Mayor

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