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September 19, 2025

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Ste. 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator. Request for SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Newsom,

The City of Paramount respectfully requests your **Veto** on SB 707 (Durazo). Our city strongly supports public transparency and accessibility, but SB 707, as currently drafted, would impose costly and inequitable new mandates on cities like ours without providing the resources or flexibility needed for implementation.

SB 707 would create significant fiscal and operational challenges for our city, including:

- Providing two-way telephonic or audiovisual access for council meetings, halting proceedings during any service disruption.
- Translating agendas into all “applicable languages” spoken jointly by 20 percent or more of the applicable population, provided that 20 percent or more of the population that speaks that language in that city speaks English less than “very well.”
- Designating a public space for community-submitted translations, even if inaccurate or misleading.
- Creating and maintaining multi-language webpages for agendas, instructions, and meeting procedures.
- Expanding outreach efforts and electronic systems for agenda access.

For the City of Paramount these obligations would mean purchasing and maintaining a new audiovisual system capable of uninterrupted two-way access for all public meetings—an upgrade estimated to cost over \$30,000, not including ongoing IT support and redundancy safeguards. Additionally, our city would need to expand staffing to manage real-time translation, website updates, and outreach in multiple languages, despite already providing bilingual (English/Spanish) communications across platforms.

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Because of Proposition 42 (2014), none of these requirements would be reimbursable, forcing Paramount to absorb all costs—diverting limited resources from other essential community programs and services. The bill applies unevenly across California, treating cities of similar size differently based solely on county population, while the State itself is exempt from these rules.

Although the recent amendment moved the implementation deadline to July 1, 2026, this deadline still does not provide sufficient time for cities to fully budget, procure, and train for compliance. Additional time is necessary to ensure responsible and effective implementation.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount respectfully request your **Veto** on SB 707 (Durazo). Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We appreciate your time and consideration

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Peggy Lemons". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peggy" being more prominent than the last name "Lemons".

Peggy Lemons  
Mayor

CC. Honorable Congresswoman Nanette Barragan, 44<sup>th</sup> District  
Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District  
Honorable Assemblymember Jose Luis Solache, 62nd District  
Nicholas Cabeza, Public Affairs Manager, League of California Cities  
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