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April 7, 2026

The Honorable Maria Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government
California State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 922 (Laird) Vehicles: local agency charges: use of streets or highways.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Introduced on January 28, 2026)*

Dear Chair Durazo,

The City of Paramount supports SB 922, which would provide needed clarity regarding a local agency's ability to recover the cost of maintaining and repairing streets used in the delivery of essential public services.

Cities are responsible for maintaining most local streets and roads. Heavy service vehicles, including garbage, recycling, and green waste collection trucks, regularly travel on local streets and contribute to pavement wear and deterioration. Historically, cities have addressed these impacts through service-related rates, fees, or franchise arrangements tied to the provision of those services.

Recently, a court decision has created uncertainty regarding these long-standing practices. As a result, cities are facing increased legal challenges to existing service-related fees, placing street maintenance funding at risk and creating uncertainty for local governments attempting to responsibly manage and maintain their transportation infrastructure.

SB 922 would help address this uncertainty by clarifying that restrictions on local charges apply only to weight-based charges imposed for the privilege of using streets or highways. The bill further makes clear that fees for the provision of public services may recover the cost of street maintenance and repair associated with providing such services. This clarification would help reduce unnecessary litigation and allow cities to continue maintaining safe and reliable local streets.


For these reasons, the City of Paramount is pleased to support SB 922 (Laird). Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We thank you for your time and consideration.

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Peggy Lemons

Mayor

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