



April 13, 2026

The Honorable John Laird
Senator
California State Capitol, Room 8720
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 922 (Laird) Vehicles: local agency charges: use of streets or highways.
Notice of SUPPORT *(As Amended on March 11, 2026)*

Dear Senator Laird,

On behalf of Sonoma County Mayor's and Councilmembers' Association I write to express our support for your bill, SB 922 (Laird), which provides important clarification regarding a local agency's ability to recover the cost of maintaining and repairing streets used in the delivery of essential public services.

Cities and the workers who deliver critical public services rely on safe and well-maintained local infrastructure. Heavy service vehicles including those used for garbage, recycling, and green waste collection regularly travel on local streets to provide services that keep our communities clean, healthy, and functioning. The wear and tear created by these essential services has historically been addressed through service-related rates, fees, or franchise agreements tied to the provision of those services.

A recent court decision has created uncertainty around these long-standing practices. This uncertainty has resulted in increased legal challenges to existing service-related fees, placing important street maintenance funding at risk and creating instability for local governments responsible for maintaining the infrastructure that supports essential public services.

SB 922 provides needed clarity by specifying that restrictions on local charges apply only to weight-based charges imposed for the privilege of using streets or highways. The bill also clarifies that fees associated with the provision of public services may include recovery of the costs of maintaining and repairing streets used to deliver those services. This clarification will help reduce unnecessary litigation and ensure that cities can continue maintaining safe, reliable infrastructure that workers and communities depend on every day.

For these reasons, Sonoma County Mayor's and Councilmembers' Association supports SB 922 (Laird) and thanks you for authoring this important legislation.

Sincerely,

Jill McLewis

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