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Senate President Pro Tem Darrell Steinberg
State Capitol, Room 205
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB-7 (Steinberg/Canella). Public Works: charter cities. (As amended February 19, 2013)
NOTICE OF OPPOSITION

Dear Senator Steinberg:

The City of Lemoore must respectfully oppose your bill, SB 7, which would require charter cities to pay prevailing wage in order to receive state funding. Our concerns are based on the following issues:

- *SB 7 undermines the City's ability to hire local contractors.* The City of Lemoore has placed a great deal of emphasis on hiring local contractors for Public Works projects. Many of these contractors are small and unable to navigate the plethora of paperwork that accompanies a prevailing wage project. SB 7 will essentially eliminate the ability of our local contractors to construct our Public Works projects. Instead, only large firms out of large cities will be able to bid.
- *SB 7 will cost our taxpayers, developers, and businesses.* The City of Lemoore, as a charter city, currently pays non-prevailing wages for our projects that solely use local money. Our impact fees are calculated based on constructing growth-related projects using non-prevailing wage. SB 7 will increase the cost of growth-related Public Works projects, which will in turn increase impact fees charged to new development and businesses.

For the aforementioned reasons, the City of Lemoore must respectfully oppose your bill.

Sincerely,

William Siegel
Mayor

cc: Senator Anthony Canella
Senator Ted W. Lieu, Chair, Senate Committee on Labor and Industrial Relations
Hilary Baird, League of California Cities
Jennifer Whiting, League of California Cities
Assemblyman Rudy Salas