



**Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County**  
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**Agenda Item 5d (Consent/Information)**

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**PREPARED BY:** Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer

**MEETING DATE:** October 2, 2017

**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 448 Support Letter

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**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY**

On August 7, 2017, the Commission approved a support position for Senate Bill 448 (Wieckowski) relating to inactive special districts. Specifically, the bill requires the State Controller to publish a comprehensive list of special districts on or before July 1, 2019, and to annually update that list. The bill also requires special districts to file their annual audits with the LAFCO for each county that the district is located within. Further, the bill establishes a definition for the term “inactive district” and requires LAFCOs to dissolve inactive districts while waiving protest proceedings by holding one public hearing without conducting a special study.

On August 9, 2017, staff submitted a letter to Senator Wieckowski in support of Senate Bill 448. A copy of the submitted letter is included as Attachment One. This report is presented for information purposes only. No formal action will be taken as part of this item.

**ATTACHMENT**

- 1) Letter in Support of Senate Bill 448 (August 9, 2017)

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August 9, 2017

Senator Bob Wieckowski  
California State Senate  
California State Capitol, Room 4085  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **SB 448 – SUPPORT (As amended July 17, 2017)**

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

On behalf of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County (“Napa LAFCO”), we have been monitoring your bill **SB 448**. The July 17 amendments remove the remaining Napa LAFCO concerns, and as a result, we are pleased to support the bill. We thank you for working closely with CALAFCO to resolve our concerns with the bill.

The proposed authority for LAFCOs to dissolve inactive districts as defined in the bill and identified by the State Controller’s Office (SCO) through the contemplated streamlined process creates great efficiencies for LAFCOs.

Further, we support the idea of increased communication and enhanced transparency by way of LAFCOs directly receiving reports from the special districts for which they have authority. Having the SCO clearly identify independent special districts on their website is also a great step in gaining efficiencies and greater transparency at the state level.

Thank you again for taking our concerns into consideration and for your work with CALAFCO on this bill. We are pleased to support **SB 448**.

Yours sincerely,

Brendon Freeman  
Executive Officer

cc: Pamela Miller, Executive Director, CALAFCO  
Brad Wagenknecht, Napa LAFCO Chair

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