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The Honorable Cheryl Brown
California State Assembly, 47th District
State Capitol Building, Room 2196
Sacramento, CA 95816

Re: AB 741 (Brown) – Tax Equity Allocation; shifting property taxes from counties to cities via proposed formula – OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Brown:

On behalf of the Solano County Board of Supervisors, I regret to inform you that we are **OPPOSED to your Assembly Bill 741**, which seeks to impose a new formula that would shift property taxes from counties to cities.

The new Tax Equity Allocation (TEA) formula would establish minimum property tax shares for cities of 9 percent in the first year, 12 percent in the second year and 15 percent in the third and future years for those cities with smaller shares of property taxes and with ongoing obligations of their former redevelopment agencies. The author's office estimates that about 200 California cities would qualify under the proposed formula.

What this formula does not take into account is that many cities do not provide a full range of municipal services in their communities. These services are largely provided by special districts which bear the financial responsibility of providing these services. The passage of this bill would significantly hamper a special district's ability to continue to provide these supports to local municipalities.

Additionally, counties throughout this state have taken on considerable new service and financial obligations through AB 109 and new funding requirements for managing social service programs. While we understand that cities have the burden of paying for continuing debt as a result of redevelopment dissolution, we believe this to be an arbitrary and ill-conceived method of shifting tax revenue.

For these reasons, the Solano County Board of Supervisors **OPPOSES** the passage of your **AB 741**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Linda J. Seifert", is written over a printed name and title.

Linda J. Seifert, Chair
Solano County Board of Supervisors

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