

July 10, 2014

Honorable Darrell Steinberg, President Pro Tem
California State Senate
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2170 (Mullin) Joint powers authorities: common powers. Support

Dear Senator Steinberg:

MuniServices is pleased to join its local government partners including the League of California Cities in supporting AB 2170. For over 35 years MuniServices has partnered with many of our State's municipal governments as a full-service provider of revenue enhancement services and respectfully requests an "AYE" vote on AB 2170, which has been referred to the Senate Floor.

AB 2170 would clarify that Joint Powers Agencies (JPAs) are able to raise revenue for projects consistent with the purposes for which the agency was formed. Though existing law seems to provide such authority, some officials are concerned that they might lack the authority to levy taxes or impose property related fees because the Joint Exercise of Powers Act does not explicitly extend that authority to JPAs.

Proposition 218 (November 1996) established requirements for the imposition of, extension, or increase in local taxes, assessments and fees. This measure seeks to make clear that JPAs may increase revenue for important community projects subject to all voter approval requirements provided under Prop. 218.

Joint powers authorities are an important part of California governance, and it is helpful to clarify the law to ensure a common understanding of existing JPA powers to levy fees or taxes.

For these reasons, we are pleased to support AB 2170 and ask for an "AYE" vote on this measure.

Sincerely,



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cc: Members, California State Senate
Assembly Member Mullin