

July 6, 2017

Honorable Anthony Rendon, Speaker
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: **SB 231 (Hertzberg) – Notice of Support – Local Government: Fees and Charges**

Dear Speaker Rendon,

On behalf of MuniServices, I am writing to urge an “Aye” vote on SB 231. SB 231 clarifies terminology pertaining to sewer and water treatment by conforming to an existing definition in the California Public Utilities Code which includes storm drainage under the umbrella of “sewer.” As a result, the bill provides local jurisdictions a broader authority to enact and finance projects to sanitize and reuse storm water, as well as access state and federal dollars that require local matching funds.

For nearly 40 years, MuniServices has partnered with municipalities statewide to provide revenue enhancement services. It is our position that municipal agencies are unique and must retain the flexibility to make decisions and adopt policies that best meet the local service needs. Throughout our tenure, we have seen countless cities and counties struggle to comply with state and federal regulations pertaining to storm water clean-up. Moreover, recent PPIC estimates suggest noncompliance could cost cities and counties upwards of \$10,000 per contaminant per day.

We believe that SB 231 offers a commonsense solution that permits local jurisdictions the ability to conform to necessary state and federal regulations while mitigating the arduous financial burdens typically associated with compliance. MuniServices is proud to join the League of California Cities and the California State Association of Counties in supporting SB 231, and urge an “aye” vote.

Sincerely,



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