



County Executive
David Villanueva

Governmental Relations and
Legislative Officer
Elisia De Bord

County of Sacramento

Board of Supervisors
Phillip R. Serna, District 1
Patrick Kennedy, District 2
Rich Desmond, District 3
Sue Frost, District 4
Patrick Hume, District 5

August 19, 2024

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
1021 O Street, Suite 9000
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: AB 884 (Low). Elections. Language Accessibility.
Oppose (As amended on August 15, 2024)**

Dear Governor Newsom:

On behalf of the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors, I respectfully write to oppose and request that you veto AB 884 (Low).

Sacramento County supports the concept of AB 884 and understands the need to expand language access; however, it would cost approximately \$10.5 million per fiscal year to create the content responsive to this bill. Sacramento County would have to provide language support 22 languages.

Sacramento County currently supports three languages under Voting Rights Act (VRA) § 203: Spanish, Chinese, and Vietnamese; and 10 languages under Election Code (EC) § 14201: Korean, Tagalog, Hindi, Punjabi, Japanese, Hmong, Mien, Laotian, Telugu, and Urdu.

In 2022, Sacramento County implemented Vietnamese as a VRA language at a cost of \$420,000. Adding an additional 9 languages and mandating additional translations and services for 10 existing languages currently covered under EC § 14201, would immeasurably increase our workload and be financially burdensome.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 874-4627 or deborde@saccounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Elisia De Bord
Governmental Relations and Legislative Officer

cc: The Honorable Evan Low
Sacramento County Delegation
Chair and Members, Board of Supervisors
Audrey Ratajczak, Cruz Strategies