



March 10, 2023

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California State Senate  
1021 O Street, Suite 7630  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT SB 411 (Portantino) – Open meetings: teleconferences: bodies with appointed membership**

Dear Senator Portantino,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of most Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to inform you that we support SB 411, which would allow entities whose members of the legislative body are appointed to use greater flexibility with remote participation options for their meetings.

A specific need to provide additional flexibility to entities whose members of the legislative body are appointed to those positions has been recognized as these are typically organizations that cover a broader geographic area and whose Board Members often must travel long distances to attend Board or Committee Meetings. SB 411 would allow these entities to use alternate teleconference provisions like the previous emergency authority that was in effect during the pandemic.

Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have any questions about our position on this bill or about ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or at [wstrack@accoc.org](mailto:wstrack@accoc.org).

Sincerely,

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CC: ACC-OC Board of Directors