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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Recommended Veto of AB 931 (Boerner Horvath)

Dear Governor Newsom:

I respectfully write to request your veto of Assembly Bill 931, which prohibits the membership of appointed boards and commissions in cities with a population of 50,000 or more from having more than 60 percent of the same gender identity on or after January 1, 2030. Smaller boards and commissions must not be comprised entirely of members having the same gender identity.

Unfortunately, this bill inappropriately undermines local elected officials' authority to make appointments as they deem appropriate. Moreover, if AB 931 were to become law, it would be susceptible to constitutional challenge under the California Constitution, and local governments (and even the state) could find themselves in the difficult and costly position of defending against such lawsuits.

For these reasons, I respectfully request your veto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shannon Grove', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Shannon Grove
Senate Republican Leader