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FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS: SGVCOG SPONSORS AB 1786

MONROVIA, CA—The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), a regional government planning agency representing 31 incorporated cities and the unincorporated communities of Los Angeles County Supervisorial Districts 1 and 5 that aims to maximize the quality of life in the San Gabriel Valley, sponsors Assembly Bill (AB) 1786: Best Value Contracting. Authored by California State Assemblymember John Harabedian (D-Pasadena), this legislation is designed to give local governments greater flexibility in managing complex infrastructure and affordable housing projects by allowing best-value construction contracting.

“The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments is proud to sponsor this legislation because it gives cities and our council of governments a practical tool to better manage complex infrastructure projects. Best value contracting provides local governments with the flexibility to evaluate experience, capacity, and cost together—rather than relying solely on the lowest bid—helping reduce delays, protect public dollars, and deliver projects more efficiently in today’s challenging construction environment. This approach allows public agencies to balance cost, quality, and long-term value for taxpayers, while reducing risk and maintaining strong accountability and transparency in public contracting,” said **San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments President Ed Reece**.

AB 1786 would give general law cities and Joint Powers Authorities, a regional agency where multiple cities work together on infrastructure or housing projects, the optional authority to use best-value contracting for projects, consistent with existing county law. AB 1786 does not replace low-bid procurement but provides a flexible tool for larger projects, applies only above set cost thresholds, and keeps all existing safeguards, including labor compliance, transparency, and reporting requirements.

“AB 1786 gives local governments the flexibility to consider contractor experience, safety, and performance so they can cut costs, reduce delays, and deliver better results for their communities,” said **Assemblymember John Harabedian**. “This means public projects like roads, housing, and infrastructure are more likely to be completed on time and stay within budget.”



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