



City of Glendora
116 E. Foothill Blvd.
Glendora, CA 91741

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María Elena Durazo
California State Senate
1021 O Street, Room 7530
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 707 (Durazo) Open Meetings: Meeting and Teleconference Requirements

Oppose Unless Amended

Dear Senator Durazo,

The City of Glendora must respectfully oppose SB 707 unless it is amended. While our city strongly supports public transparency and accessibility, SB 707, as currently drafted, would impose costly and inequitable new mandates on cities like ours without providing the resources or flexibility needed for implementation.

SB 707 contains positive elements that recognize the need to modernize the Ralph M. Brown Act. However, its prescriptive requirements would create significant fiscal and operational challenges for our city, including:

- Providing two-way telephonic or audiovisual access for all meetings, halting proceedings during any service disruption.
- Translating agendas into all "applicable languages" spoken by 20% or more of residents with limited English proficiency.
- Designating a public space for community-submitted translations, even if inaccurate or misleading.
- Creating and maintaining multi-language webpages for agendas, instructions, and meeting procedures.
- Expanding outreach efforts and electronic systems for agenda access.

For the City of Glendora these obligations would require significant changes to recent investments made in City Council meeting software and broadcasting hardware. Because of Proposition 42 (2014), none of these requirements would be reimbursable, forcing our city to absorb all costs, and reduce services in other areas of the City.

The bill applies many of its mandates unevenly due to its overlapping definitions of legislative bodies. For example, roughly 100 smaller cities would be exempt from the





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new rules. However, 100 cities of the same size would need to comply simply because they are in larger counties.

Adding to the imbalance, the state itself is exempt from the very rules it seeks to impose. The Legislature, state boards, and commissions are not bound by the same translation, hybrid access, or posting requirements that cities would face – the State should lead by example, providing the technology and platforms to local agencies to ensure equity of access to government for all Californians.

Finally, the January 1, 2026, implementation date does not give local governments sufficient time to budget, procure, and train for compliance. A minimum extension to **January 1, 2027** is essential to ensure cities can meet these requirements responsibly.

The City of Glendora remains committed to transparency and engaging the public in meaningful ways. We respectfully urge you to amend SB 707 to remove the most burdensome mandates, ensure equitable treatment of cities, and provide sufficient time and resources for compliance.

For these reasons the City of Glendora respectfully opposes SB 707 unless it is amended to address our concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Fredendall".

David Fredendall
Mayor
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