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April 10, 2026

The Honorable Thomas Umberg
Chair, Senate Judiciary Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1159 (Cabaldon) - SUPPORT
As Introduced February 18, 2026

Dear Chair, Umberg:

On behalf of the City of Glendora, I am pleased to express our support for Senate Bill 1159 (Cabaldon), which would establish important safeguards to protect meaningful public participation in local government decision-making as artificial intelligence (AI) technologies continue to evolve.

The City of Glendora is committed to transparency, accessibility, and community engagement in all aspects of local governance. Public participation is a cornerstone of our decision-making process, with residents regularly engaging through City Council meetings, public hearings, written correspondence, and digital platforms. Advances in technology have expanded access to these processes, allowing more members of the public to stay informed and provide input, regardless of their ability to attend meetings in person.

However, as emerging AI and Large Language Model (LLM) tools become more sophisticated, they also present new challenges. The ability to generate large volumes of artificial public comments has the potential to misrepresent community sentiment, overwhelm staff resources, and diminish the value of authentic public engagement. For a city like Glendora, which prioritizes thoughtful and community-driven decision-making, maintaining the integrity of public input is essential.

SB 1159 represents an important step toward addressing these concerns by clarifying how public comment processes should adapt in response to rapidly advancing technologies. Establishing clear distinctions between genuine public input and AI-generated submissions will help preserve the intent of California's open meeting laws while ensuring local agencies can continue to operate effectively and efficiently.





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The City of Glendora appreciates the author's leadership in addressing this emerging issue. We look forward to continued collaboration to ensure the bill remains clear, practical, and implementable for local agencies of all sizes.

For these reasons, the City of Glendora is pleased to support SB 1159.

Sincerely,

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

David Fredendall
Mayor

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