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The Honorable Blanca Pacheco  
Assemblymember  
1021 O Street, Suite 4510  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1821 (Pacheco) - California Public Records Act: agency response time  
City of Fremont Support**

Dear Assemblymember Pacheco:

**On behalf of the City of Fremont, I am pleased to express support for AB 1821 (Pacheco).** The City of Fremont is committed to ensuring and promoting transparency and public access, and this bill will further supplement that goal.

In general, public records are open for public inspection at all times during a public agency's office hours. The current provisions of the California Public Records Act (CPRA) require each public agency to review and respond to a request for a copy of records within 10 calendar days. They also authorize an extension of that time limit by no more than 14 calendar days under unusual circumstances. Unfortunately, the specified time periods for CPRA compliance include weekends and holidays when public agencies are typically closed to the public and may have limited capacity to review and respond to CPRA requests. Further, Proposition 42 eliminated state reimbursement for CPRA compliance, and a 2020 California Supreme Court ruling restricted cities from recovering staff time or technical costs associated with producing records, resulting in local governments absorbing the full cost of increasingly time-intensive CPRA requests.

AB 1821 would update the existing law to specify that the required timeline for public agencies to review and respond to CPRA requests is measured in business days rather than calendar days. This much-needed reform would allow public agencies to comprehensively review and respond to CPRA requests under sufficient staffing and resources. Further, especially when a CPRA request necessitates a review of sensitive information, such as attorney-client communications, personal identifiers, and criminal data, having 10 business days rather than 10 calendar days would allow public agencies to respond more effectively without the urgent need to rush the process.

Thank you for your efforts on this bill, and I look forward to supporting continued conversations about broader CPRA reform. Despite the bill's narrow scope, it would provide meaningful improvements that will help cities comply with CPRA requirements more effectively and consistently, under clearer guidelines and timelines.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raj Salwan".

Raj Salwan  
Mayor

cc: The Honorable Buffy Wicks, Chair, California State Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
The Honorable Ash Kalra, Chair, California State Assembly Committee on Judiciary  
The Honorable Dr. Aisha Wahab, California State Senate  
The Honorable Alex Lee, California State Assembly  
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