



April 16, 2021

The Honorable Bill Quirk, Chair  
Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 171  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: AB 377 (Rivas): Oppose, as amended March 22, 2021**

Dear Assembly Member Quirk;

The four cities on the Palos Verdes Peninsula, firmly joined together by a common cause, are writing to you today to respectfully oppose AB 377 (Rivas), which would fundamentally and detrimentally alter the State of California's existing water quality programs without providing any solutions that will result in the attainment of water quality objectives.

While the four cities are united in our commitment to water quality, AB 377 is untenable, unfair and unreasonable. AB 377 removes all flexibility to consider local conditions, alternative approaches to creatively solve our problems, and creates a massive unfunded mandate, requiring municipalities to fix all urban runoff pollution issues, including legacy and ongoing aerial deposition pollutant issues by 2050. While we would all aspire to such goals, it is unreasonable to mandate such lofty expectations with no flexibility, no funding, and no ability to obtain funding. Furthermore, AB 377 discredits the considerable actions, efforts and expenses municipalities have incurred to date.

We believe that better solutions can be achieved by working collaboratively with local governments, to make existing efforts more effective. Imposing unrealistic and absolute mandates will not result in better outcomes. The improvements desired by all are largely constrained by limited finances; the legislature can help by providing funding and support to cities where it is needed most.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns. We respectfully request that AB 377 not move forward when it is heard in the Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee.

Sincerely,


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**Eric Alegria**  
Mayor, City of Rancho Palos Verdes

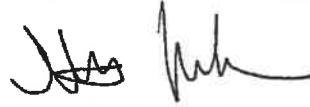
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Mayor, City of Palos Verdes Estates

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