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Honorable Bob Wieckowski
California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support SB 931 (Wieckowski)

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

I am writing on behalf of the California News Publishers Association to express the Association's support of your SB 931, which would require local governments to email a copy of the agenda and agenda packet to anyone who requests it.

A hallmark feature of the Brown Act is that the public has a right to advance notice ssssof what will be discussed at a meeting of local officials and the materials decision makers will use in their discussion and deliberation.

This bill would help increase transparency because agendas and supporting materials would be put into the public's hands expeditiously. Additionally, an electronic form of the agenda and materials would increase the ability of the public to participate as informed residents in the development of public policy issues being considered by their local legislative body.

We applaud your efforts to increase transparency with SB 931 and look forward to working with you to obtain the Governor's signature on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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