

Section 28d

**City Council, Benicia, California
Letter to State and County Elected Officials Opposing AB4242
(5/03/1990)**



Office of the Mayor
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May 3, 1990

Willie Brown, Jr.
Speaker of the House
California State Assembly
219 State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Speaker of the House Brown:

The Benicia City Council, at its regular meeting of May 1, 1990, discussed Assembly Bill 4242. This bill, authored by you, attempts to deal with the challenge of growth in the Bay Area. The solution proposed is a regional agency that would have far reaching powers and authority over cities.

After a lengthy discussion, the Benicia City Council unanimously opposed Assembly Bill 4242. The City Council, as well as members of the audience, were greatly concerned about an agency that would usurp the powers of cities. Cities can and should be a part of the solution, not excluded from determining their own fate. Each of the local elected officials is on the front lines, and must account to the citizenry. To take away the opportunity for a city to shape its own destiny would be a disservice to the citizens and the local officials they have elected to represent them.

What is needed is cooperation and good working relationships between the cities and counties. The Cities in Solano County do work well together, and we believe that we can continue to work well together to solve problems. We ask that you and other members of the legislature consider the role of elected officials and consider our ability to solve problems and be accountable to our communities before proposing another layer of government.

Sincerely,

Marilyn C. O'Rourke
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Mayor

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cc: Senator Barry Keene
Assemblyman Tom Hannigan
Solano County Board of Supervisors
Dominic Cortese, Chairman, Assembly Local Government