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The Honorable Tina McKinnor
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5520
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 2323 (McKinnor) SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor:

On behalf of [Your Organization/Your Name], I am writing to express our strong support for AB 2323, which modernizes California's public notice system while preserving the transparency and due process protections that communities rely on.

California's public notice system is a cornerstone of government transparency and due process. By requiring legal notices to be published in independent newspapers of general circulation, the system ensures that the public has reliable access to information about local government actions, special districts, and other public bodies. Publication in a verified, third-party outlet creates an independent record and triggers statutory timelines for hearings, ordinances, trustee sales, and other official actions. As California moves further into the digital era, there is growing interest in expanding public notice access online. However, changes to public notice law must preserve equity for seniors, rural residents, and others without reliable broadband, while maintaining the legal certainty and independent verification that print publication provides.

Printed newspaper publication also supports smaller and culturally significant outlets, including many that serve communities of color, which rely on revenue from public notices to remain operational. Losing this revenue could threaten the survival of these important local institutions and reduce access to critical information for the communities they serve.

AB 2323 strikes a balanced approach by preserving the requirement that legally mandated notices continue to be published in adjudicated newspapers of general circulation to satisfy statutory requirements. The bill also allows newspapers to post notices on their publicly accessible websites to increase visibility, searchability, and digital access. In addition, government websites and social media accounts may be used as a supplemental tool to expand public awareness but cannot replace the independent publication requirement.

By maintaining print publication as the legal standard while expanding digital access, AB 2323 protects due process, ensures equitable access to critical public information, and supports the continued viability of independent and community-based journalism across California.

We strongly support AB 2323 and urge the Legislature to advance this important bill. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to protecting government transparency and public access to information.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable (Chair Name), Chair, (Name of Committee), Members of the (Name of Committee)