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Senator Richard Pan,
Chair of the Health Committee
State Capitol
Room 5114
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: **SB 438 (Hertzberg): Emergency Medical Services: Dispatch. – Support**

Dear Senator Pan:

On behalf of the City of Vista, we request your support on SB 438 (Hertzberg). This bill will ensure local public agencies have authority over the call processing and administration of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) dispatching.

The provision of fire protection services, rescue and emergency medical services, hazardous material emergency response, ambulance and other services related to the protection of lives and property is critical to the public peace, health and safety of our City. SB 438 ensures that local governments can determine the appropriate level of emergency response with its community and explicitly protect an agency's right and obligation to receive and process emergency calls to ensure effective, efficient and rapid deployment of emergency response apparatus.

The City of Vista is committed to advocating for efforts that enhance local control of resources, programs and tools that allow the City to address the needs and concerns of its residents. SB 438 ensures that the safety of our community is in our control to ensure the best possible standard of emergency care.

For these reasons, the City of Vista requests your support on SB 438.

Sincerely,

Judy Ritter
Mayor

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