



March 12, 2024

The Honorable Tasha Boerner  
California State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 4150  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2715 (BOERNER) Ralph M. Brown Act: closed sessions – SPONSOR**

Dear Assemblymember Boerner:

The City of Carlsbad is proud to sponsor your Assembly Bill (AB) 2715, which will allow matters of cybersecurity to be discussed by the legislative body of a local agency during closed session.

This bill is necessary because although current law allows for the discussion of a pending specific threat during closed session, it does not expressly permit nonspecific cybersecurity matters to be discussed. Legislative bodies of local agencies therefore currently have no method of confidentially discussing general cybersecurity risks, vulnerabilities, and threats facing the agency. AB 2715 would allow for a legislative body to be more informed about potential threats and the extent of agency vulnerabilities.

AB 2715 adds cybersecurity to the list of closed session exemptions so that the law is clear on allowing such discussions to occur, which will enable legislative bodies of local agencies to make fully informed decisions related to cybersecurity. The bill preserves local agency transparency and the intent of the Brown Act by providing that any action taken on cybersecurity matters be done in open session.

The City's legislative platform supports this proposal and includes the following statement:

- Support legislation that would allow cities to conduct closed sessions on matters posing a threat to cybersecurity.

It is for the reasons listed above that the City of Carlsbad is pleased to SPONSOR your Assembly Bill 2715 to allow cybersecurity matters to be discussed during closed session. Please reach out to our lobbyist with Renne Public Policy Group, Sharon Gonsalves, at 916-849-5536 with questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K Blackburn'.

Keith Blackburn  
Mayor  
City of Carlsbad

CC: Members and Staff of the Assembly Local Government Committee  
Members of the Carlsbad City Council