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The Honorable Michelle Rodriguez
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Suite 5640
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Assembly Bill 1628 (Rodriguez): Child protection: safe surrender –
SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez:

Larry Klein
Mayor

Richard Mehlinger
Vice Mayor

Alysa Cisneros
Councilmember

Murali Srinivasan
Councilmember

Linda Sell
Councilmember

Charlsie Chang
Councilmember

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Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Sunnyvale, we want to express our support of AB 1628, the *Keeping Infants from Danger (K.I.D.) Act*, which extends California's Safe Surrender law from 72 hours to 30 days.

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law has long served as a critical, life-saving measure, providing parents in crisis with a safe, legal, and confidential option to surrender an infant without fear of prosecution. This law reflects our state's deep commitment to protecting vulnerable newborns while recognizing the complex and often overwhelming circumstances that some parents face.

However, the current 72-hour timeframe no longer reflects the realities of modern childbirth and postpartum recovery. Many parents experience significant physical and emotional challenges well beyond the first few days after birth, including postpartum depression, medical complications, and extended hospital stays following cesarean deliveries. In these circumstances, a narrow 72-hour window can unintentionally limit access to a compassionate alternative at a time when it is most needed.

AB 1628 thoughtfully addresses this gap by extending the safe surrender period to 30 days. This change aligns California with many other states and ensures that the law remains responsive to evolving medical knowledge and the lived experiences of families. By providing additional time, the bill strengthens the law's effectiveness while preserving its core protections, including confidentiality, immunity from prosecution, and the opportunity for reunification.



Sunnyvale supports AB 1628 as it aligns with Goal SN-3 and SN-6 (Effective Emergency Response Capability) by protecting vulnerable populations and preventing avoidable emergency situations. Expanding the safe surrender window reduces risk to infants and limits crisis-driven incidents requiring public safety intervention. This reflects the City's commitment to safeguarding life through practical, prevention-focused policies.

Compassion lies at the heart of the City of Sunnyvale's mission. As such, we recognize the importance of policies that meet people where they are, especially during moments of crisis. AB 1628 will help prevent unsafe abandonment, save lives, and ensure that parents have the time and support necessary to make informed decisions in the best interest of their child.

Thank you for your leadership in advancing this important and humane legislation. Sunnyvale is proud to support AB 1628. Please do not hesitate to contact me or Chief Daniel Pistor, Director of Public Safety at dpistor@sunnyvale.ca.gov if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein".

Larry Klein
Mayor

cc: Senator Dr. Aisha Wahab
Assembly Member Patrick Ahrens
City Council
Tim Kirby, City Manager
Sarah Johnson-Rios, Assistant City Manager
Daniel Pistor, Director of Public Safety