

March 11, 2025

The Honorable Tom Umberg California State Senate, District 34 1021 O Street, Suite 7510 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT SB 38 (Umberg) – Second Chance Program

Dear Senator Umberg,

The Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) represents the regional policy needs of Orange County cities and special districts. Collectively, our members provide services to up to 3.2 million people and work across county borders on a multitude of public policy issues.

ACC-OC is pleased to inform you that we support SB 38, which would require the Second Chance grant program to authorize eligibility for proposals that offer mental health or behavioral health services and drug court or collaborative court programs, including the treatment program under the Treatment-Mandated Felony Act. This would make drug and collaborative courts eligible for competitive grants administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections.

As we work to implement Proposition 36 as approved by the voters, it is important to make sure that sufficient funding is available to implement its provisions. For this reason, we support SB 38. Should you have any questions about our position on this bill or ACC-OC, please contact Wendy Strack, ACC-OC Director of Legislative Affairs, at (951) 712-3173 or wstrack@accoc.org.

Sincerely,

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