

August 31, 2017

The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol Building, Room 2176  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Subject: AB 345 (Ridley-Thomas) Enforcement of Municipal Code, Building and Safety Violations  
Notice of Support**

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:


MuniServices is pleased to support your AB 345, which would update the maximum fines for violations or infractions of local building and safety codes, and provide cities with additional tools to recover costs associated with ongoing nuisances in their communities.

Local ordinances and building and safety codes reflect policies adopted by communities to establish standards, resolve issues, maintain public and private property, and protect public health and safety. While existing law authorizes various levels of fines, including up to \$100 for the first violation, these statutory amounts have not been updated in many years.

MuniServices for nearly 40 years has worked *exclusively* as partner to California's local governments in developing thoughtful revenue enhancement programs that work in conjunction with existing public services. We support policies that encourage local decision making. AB 345 takes a measured approach to increasing tools for local government. Thank you for your effort to assist local agencies with tools to properly enforce their ordinances and building and safety requirements.

For the reasons stated above, MuniServices is pleased to support AB 345. If you have any questions regarding MuniServices' position, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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