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Assemblymember Buffy Wicks  
State Capitol  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## **Re: Support for AB 91 – Ensuring MENA Inclusion in California Data**

Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

As the Mayor of Albany, serving a diverse community, I write to express my strong support for AB 91 – the MENA Inclusion Act.

This bill is essential to ensure that Californians from Middle Eastern and North African (MENA) backgrounds are accurately represented in demographic data collection. Many of my constituents trace their roots to this region, yet they remain invisible in state demographic data. Without their inclusion, we risk overlooking critical disparities in health, housing, education, and public services.

AB 91 is not just about better data—it is about equity, representation, and giving voice to one of many historically overlooked communities. I urge you, as Chair of the Assembly Appropriations Committee, to advance AB 91 and support this long-overdue step toward inclusion.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to a more just California.

Sincerely,

Robin D. López  
Mayor of Albany, California

Cc: Assemblymember John Harabedian  
League of California Cities