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The Honorable Ed Chau  
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Dear Assembly Member Chau;

The City of Albany supports Assembly Bill (AB) 2812, which would create the Office of Local Cloud Migration and Digital Innovation under the purview of the California Department of Technology (CDT).

The City of Albany strives to improve governmental transparency, efficiency and overall responsiveness and accessibility to the public. However, as cost pressures continue to rise, the resources needed to modernize technologies often lapse, which makes it difficult to achieve the desired goal of increased interaction with the residents we serve.


For local agencies, lack of available resources is the primary factor in the inability to modernize their technology. AB 2812 falls in line with CDT's 2017 strategic plan to foster collaboration with local governments, while bridging the gap between local agency "haves and have-nots" by encouraging the utilization of public-private partnerships. Ensuring that California technology leaders assist local agencies in their goal to implore the most cost efficient, secure and accessible technologies ultimately will result in a more responsive and effective government.

In addition, CDT has established statewide contract vehicles for the procurement of cloud services available to cities, allowing us to easily acquire cloud services at competitively

bid pricing. These contract vehicles enable rapid and cost-effective procurement of cloud services, while supporting CDT for their expertise and management of the contracts. This new office within CDT would be a self-funding program that is supported by the additional adoption of cloud services by local governments.

For these reasons, the City of Albany is pleased to support AB 2812.

Sincerely

  
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