



April 5, 2024

The Honorable Gregg Hart  
State Assembly  
1021 O Street, Suite 6230  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SUPPORT for Assembly Bill 2973 (Hart)—Emergency Services**

Dear Assemblymember Hart:

On behalf of the City of Santa Rosa, I am writing to express our support for your bill, Assembly Bill 2973). This critical legislation aims to clarify and codify the statutory responsibilities of counties, the board of supervisors, and local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs) in managing emergency medical and ambulance services within California.

NATALIE ROGERS  
Mayor

MARK STAPP  
Vice Mayor

The Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Act has left room for confusion regarding the roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders. AB 2973 addresses this by providing much-needed clarity that will enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of providing emergency medical services. Specifically, the bill provides for the establishment of Exclusive Operating Areas (EOAs) through a competitive process, the requirement for board of supervisors' approval of LEMSA-developed plans, and the outlined procedural requirements for EOAs underscore a commitment to transparency, accountability, and best practices in the provision of EMS.

AB 2973 enhances the accessibility, accountability, and coordination of EMS, and promises to strengthen our emergency response infrastructure and ensure that Californians receive timely and effective medical care.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Rosa supports AB 2973. Thank you for your leadership on this important issue. Should you have any questions, please contact our legislative advocate Alyssa Silhi with Renne Public Policy Group at (916) 974-9270.

Sincerely,

Natalie Rogers, Mayor