



February 16, 2022

The Honorable Luz Rivas
Assemblymember, 39 District
1021 O St., Ste. 6140
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACR 132 Engineers Week – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Luz Rivas,

The California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA) and the Southern California Public Power Authority (SCPPA) are pleased to support ACR 132, which recognizes the week of February 20, 2022 to February 26, 2022 as Engineers Week. CMUA's membership includes local publicly owned electric utilities that provide safe, clean, affordable, and reliable electricity to 25% of the state and public water agencies that provide safe, sustainable, affordable, and reliable water service to over 75% of the state. SCPPA is a joint powers agency consisting of 12 publicly owned electric utilities. Collectively, CMUA's and SCPPA's members rely on many different types of engineers, including electrical, mechanical, power system, and civil engineers to advance new – and maintain existing – critical infrastructure projects necessary for the reliable delivery of electricity and water.

As local, community owned utilities, a driving principle for our members is to do what's best for their customers and community. This involves achieving a balance between the needs of the community, state obligations, sustainability of resources, and many other factors, such as looking ahead at what innovations will be needed in the future. Engineers play a pivotal role in the effort to deliver on the driving principle.

Engineers will continue to play a vital role as electric POUs advance clean energy projects, support transportation electrification, and mitigate against wildfires, and as water systems continue to look at innovative water supply solutions. There are big challenges before us that will require a robust and properly trained engineering workforce and ACR 132 provides an important opportunity to recognize our current engineers, while also highlighting the sector to prospective engineers.

Thank you for leadership on this issue. Please contact Patrick at (916) 827-7113 or pwelch@cmua.org or Mario at (916) 510-9278 or mdebernardo@scppa.org with any questions.

Sincerely,

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