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Reaction to Governor Brown's Signing of SB829

SACRAMENTO, CA, April 26, 2012 – Today, Governor Jerry Brown, signed SB829 into law, a bill sponsored by the State Building & Construction Trades Unions. After heavy lobbying by labor unions and with minimal public debate, SB829 was passed in the State Senate and Assembly on a straight party line vote.

SB829 is an attempt by labor-backed lawmakers to restrict construction funds to charter cities that refuse to consider union-friendly Project Labor Agreements (PLAs) on City construction projects. Experts agree these types of agreements increase construction costs by 13 – 15 percent. The bill, backed by the State Building & Construction Trades Unions, will give labor unions control of local construction dollars and block savings for local taxpayers.

Jodi Nagel, President of the Associated Builders and Contractors of California, said, “This is just another example of the arrogance of Sacramento Politicians. Despite the fact that many members of the legislature pointed out that this bill violated the State Constitution it still passed. Shame on Sacramento for cramming another bad bill down the throats of local governments and the taxpayers.”

Kern County Assemblywoman Shannon Grove made the following statement on the floor of the Assembly, “We owe our duty to the Constitution, not the Unions.”

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