



# City of Mission Viejo

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April 18, 2023

The Honorable Corey A. Jackson  
California State Assembly, District 60  
10<sup>th</sup> and O St Offices  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1078 (Jackson) Instructional Materials:  
Removing Instructional Materials and Curriculum**

**City of Mission Viejo - Oppose**

Dear Assembly Member Jackson:

On behalf of the City of Mission Viejo, I write in opposition to AB 1078 which would remove local decision making from local government entities to determine what the best policy is for their local school districts.

AB 1078 if enacted into law, would require the State Board of Education, located in Sacramento, California to develop, by July 1, 2024, a policy for local educational agencies across the state to follow in order to obtain state approval before removing any instructional materials or ceasing to teach any curriculum. This bill would limit the ability of a school district or a county board of education from removing instructional materials without the approval of the state board of education.

This bill is a direct attempt to remove control of decision making from local elected officials and move that decision-making hundreds of miles away to Sacramento. Our local school boards and local governments are the closest to the community that they serve, and they were directly elected by the community that they serve to make decisions for the students and teachers. This bill removes the authority from the people that were elected to make these decisions locally and places it in the hands of a State Agency that was not elected to make these decisions at the local level. Local school boards must have the decision-making authority over what is taught in the districts that they govern. They are held accountable by the people that are most closely affected by these decisions, the residents and parents, and they better understand the needs of the community.



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For these reasons, The City of Mission Viejo opposes AB 1078.

Sincerely,



Brian Goodell  
**MAYOR**

cc: Mission Viejo City Council  
Senator Catherine Blakespear  
Assembly Member Kate Sanchez

