

**RPEA Formal Press Release: SB 1193
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RPEA Applauds Signing of SB 1193, Strengthening Transparency and Accountability in Alameda County. RPEA Was the Only Organization to Register Public Support for the Legislation

SACRAMENTO, CA — The Retired Public Employees' Association of California (RPEA) applauds Governor Gavin Newsom's signing of **SB 1193 by Senator Aisha Wahab**, legislation establishing new transparency and accountability requirements for discretionary spending by members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

RPEA was the **only organization to register public support for SB 1193**, reflecting the Association's longstanding commitment to transparency, ethical government, and accountability in the use of public funds.

"Public money belongs to the public, and taxpayers deserve to know how it is being spent, who is making those decisions, and who benefits," said **Margaret Brown, RPEA State President**. "RPEA was proud to stand in support of SB 1193 because transparency should never be controversial. It is fundamental to maintaining public trust."

SB 1193 requires greater public disclosure and oversight of discretionary grants initiated by individual Alameda County supervisors. Among its provisions, the new law requires Board approval of discretionary grants, quarterly online reporting, disclosure of applicable conflict-of-interest statements, and additional safeguards surrounding grants and publicity close to an election.

The legislation also prohibits these discretionary grants from being approved through the consent calendar or at special meetings, providing the public with greater visibility into how these decisions are made.

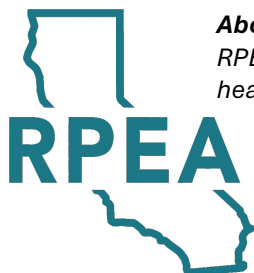
Transparency Protects Public Trust

RPEA represents public employees and retirees throughout California and has increasingly emphasized the importance of transparency and accountability wherever decisions involving public funds and public benefits are made.

"Whether we are talking about local government spending, public pension investments, or decisions affecting retiree healthcare, the principle is the same," Brown said. "**Transparency is one of the strongest protections the public has against conflicts of interest and misuse of public resources.**"

RPEA commends **Senator Aisha Wahab** for carrying SB 1193 and Governor Newsom for signing the measure into law. SB 1193 takes effect **January 1, 2027**.

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About the Retired Public Employees' Association of California (RPEA):

RPEA is a professional organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the stable pension and healthcare systems that California's public retirees earned over a lifetime of public service.

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