

## PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

## **Correspondence Received**

			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
29.		Favor	Hector Ramirez	
			Jonathan Pacheco Bell	
		Oppose	Jeanine T Yotsov	Dear Assemblymember Pacheco, Please reconsider AB2156: The Identity Integrity Act! This is just another example of how some politicians feel the need to appease certain individuals, especially through the radical DEI movement, at the financial burden of the whole. Why must you feel obligated to pander to those who choose to be offended because their names are pronounced incorrectly? How many citizens in the past decided to take a different last name because it was easier to spell and pronounce in English? They were not offended; they were proud to become American and adapt to our system. The bill that you propose is a capricious scheme to waste more taxpayers' money. Thank you for your consideration.
		Other	Joseph D Pepper	Concerns and Considerations>  While the intention behind Assembly Bill 2156 is commendable, aiming to respect the accurate spelling and pronunciation of personal names, there are several practical concerns that need to be addressed:  Retrofitting and Upgrading Records:
				Implementing this change would necessitate the retrofitting or upgrading of billions of records in both public and private court filings. This is a massive undertaking that could require substantial time and financial investment.
				Impact on Search Results:
				During the transition period, search results could be faulty if diacritical marks are included. Current systems may not be equipped to handle these characters accurately, leading to potential issues in locating and verifying records.
				System Compatibility:

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			Ensuring that all systems, both current and legacy, are compatible with diacritical marks could pose significant technical challenges. This includes software updates, database modifications, and training for personnel.
			Potential Benefits
			Despite the challenges, there are significant benefits to supporting Assembly Bill 2156:
			Cultural Sensitivity and Accuracy:
			Allowing diacritical marks on vital records respects cultural diversity and ensures that individuals' names are represented correctly, which is crucial for personal identity and heritage.
			Legal and Administrative Accuracy:
			Accurate spelling of names on legal documents can prevent misunderstandings and errors in legal and administrative processes.
			Recommendation Summary
			Given these considerations, it is important to weigh the cultural and personal benefits of correctly spelled names against the logistical and financial challenges of implementing such a change. A comprehensive plan should be developed to address the technical and operational hurdles, ensuring a smooth transition that maintains the integrity and accessibility of vital records.
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