

Secretary Brocker:

“In the publicly closed State Capitol with agency commissions and boards functioning without proper citizen access, measures introduced by Governor Brown, who issued the state of emergency, should be delayed until a future publicly accessible legislative session. Therefore, if an agency bill reaches the Floor of the State Senate it gets a NO vote. The citizens of my District have limited internet and virtual access which has proven unrepresentative in hearings so far this Session. Simply having government employees from agencies claiming there is no opposition has proven inaccurate, unreliable or plain false in many situations since January 2021. No bill expanding any powers of any agency should be approved without full public access to the legislative process. Only as part of a provable emergency situation should a temporary bill be approved for an agency.”

Respectfully submitted,

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