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August 12, 2019

The Honorable Jim Beall  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SUPPORT SB 5 (Beall) — Building Affordable and Inclusive  
Communities OR Affordable Housing and Neighborhood Revitalization**

Dear Senator Beall:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (District), the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board (Caltrain), and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority) I write in **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 5 and its approach to tackling the housing crisis in California.

By establishing a new local/state partnership local jurisdictions will be able to use their own county's local property tax to fill the funding gap left by the dissolution of redevelopment in 2012 and loss of federal funding. Senate Bill 5 allows local governments to collaborate on state-approved redevelopment plans, which would be funded by reduced contributions to local Education Revenue Augmentation Funds (ERAFs), awarded to state-approved projects.

This bill restores and provides resources to communities to help build transit-oriented development, affordable housing, repair infrastructure, and revitalize our neighborhoods and downtowns.

Senate Bill 5 provides timely and on-going funding for affordable housing projects to give economic relief for working families while also creating good-paying construction jobs in communities throughout our state. By funding infrastructure, as well as housing, SB 5 helps alleviate concerns raised in local communities about the impacts new housing will have on already overtaxed infrastructure.

We also appreciate the efforts to include accountability and oversight to ensure the development of housing for Californians at all income levels. The bill also clearly safeguards funding for education by requiring a state funding backfill.

For these reasons, we respectfully **SUPPORT SB 5**.

Honorable Jim Beall  
SB 5  
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Sincerely,



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