



April 25, 2019

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

The Honorable Mike McGuire
California State Senate
State Capitol Building, Room 5061
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: SB 5 (Beall/McGuire) Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program
Notice of SUPPORT (As Introduced 3/21/2019)**

Dear Senator Beall and Senator McGuire:

The Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities® (Division), representing 86 cities in the county supports your SB 5 (Beall/McGuire), the Local-State Sustainable Investment Incentive Program.

The elimination of redevelopment in 2011 created a huge deficit in community revitalization resources throughout California, including an annual loss of \$1 billion in funding for low- and moderate-income housing.

SB 5 provides the opportunities for communities to access additional tax increment revenues to fund affordable housing, infrastructure, and economic development projects that advance state and local priorities, including reducing greenhouse gas emissions, expanding transit oriented development (TOD), addressing poverty, and revitalizing neighborhoods.

The Division commends you for recognizing the diversity of California cities and acknowledging the need for flexible funding to spur housing construction and revitalize communities.

The time is right for the state to fill the void left by the elimination of redevelopment and provide more tools to support local efforts to build more affordable housing, provide essential infrastructure, and create opportunities in underserved communities. The Division applauds your leadership in this effort to give cities the tools they need to improve their communities.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Guerrero at kguerrero@cacities.org.

Sincerely,

Juan Garza
President
Los Angeles County Division
League of California Cities®

cc:

Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation

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