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The Honorable Kevin DeLeon
 Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
 State Capitol, Room 2206
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 2280 (Alejo) Community Revitalization and Investment Authority - SUPPORT

Dear Senator DeLeon:

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, I write in support of AB 2280, which would allow a redevelopment option, also known as Community Revitalization Investment Authority, for the most disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state. Such an Authority would be able to invest property tax increment of consenting local agencies – other than schools – and other available funding to improve conditions leading to increased employment opportunities, reduction of high crime rates, repair of deteriorating and inadequate infrastructure, clean-up of brownfields and promotion of affordable housing.

Since the dissolution of redevelopment and the elimination of enterprise zones shortly thereafter, a variety of economic development proposals have been introduced. Though many of the proposals have merit, AB 2280 fills a void by offering a tool that can be used in the state’s disadvantaged and poorest areas of our state. Specifically, a Community Revitalization Investment Authority would be a public entity created by a city; a county; or by agreement between a city, county and/or special district through a Joint Powers Authority. The Community Revitalization Investment Authority would operate within a Community Revitalization Investment Area characterized by an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median plus other conditions relating to unemployment, crime rates, deteriorated infrastructure and deteriorated commercial or residential structures. There are several locations within Santa Clara County that could be eligible for such an authority and could benefit greatly from the opportunities it could provide. Your consideration of this important legislation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Steve Tate
 Mayor, City of Morgan Hill
 President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County