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The Honorable Sebastian Ridley-Thomas  
Chair, Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
1020 N Street, Room 167A  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2817 (Chiu) Tax Credits: Low-Income Housing: Allocation Increase  
NOTICE OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Ridley-Thomas:

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, I write to express our support for AB 2817 (Chiu), which would increase the state's Low Income Housing Tax Credit by \$300 million to build and rehabilitate affordable housing.

The Cities Association is a collaboration of the 15 cities of Santa Clara County that addresses issues of mutual interest across the county. The challenges of funding affordable housing development have increased significantly with the loss of over \$1 billion per year of redevelopment housing funds. Increasing available state tax credits for low-income housing is a great step in beginning to reassemble affordable housing funding streams in California. These credits will leverage additional federal tax credits and tax exempt bond authority and help build many additional units. The additional jobs and economic activity will also contribute to state and local tax revenues.

For these reasons, the Cities Association **supports** Assembly Bill (AB) 2817 (Chiu).

Sincerely,

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President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County  
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