

June 17, 2013

Hon. Mark DeSaulnier  
Senate District 7  
1350 Treat Blvd, Suite 240  
Walnut Creek, CA 94597

**Re: Support for Senate Bill 391 – California Home and Jobs Act 2014**

Dear Senator DeSaulnier,

On behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County, I am writing you to express support for SB 391. Thank you for your leadership in prioritizing affordable housing for our communities. Our communities need the jobs and affordable places to live that SB 391 is expected to generate.

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is a collaborative organization that represents the mutual interests of the diverse 15 cities of Santa Clara County and advocates for positive action to enhance the quality of life for the people of our county. As a unified voice of the cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association recognizes that with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, communities in our region and across the state have been struggling to provide affordable housing.

As you know, the dissolution of redevelopment agencies eliminated the most significant source of funding for affordable housing in California. In addition to the loss of funds for affordable housing, the State has all but depleted its housing funding that was made available through Propositions 46 and 1C. As the Bay Area plans for its future through the Sustainable Communities Strategy, the need for funding housing near transit, jobs, and amenities will only increase. As a unified voice of the cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association recognizes that if adopted, SB 391 would fill a significant portion of the missing funds and create a permanent source of funding for affordable housing.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Margaret Abe-Koga". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Margaret" being more prominent and the last name "Abe-Koga" following in a similar style.

Margaret Abe-Koga  
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara County  
Council Member, City of Mountain View

CC: Cities Association of Santa Clara County Board of Directors