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The Honorable Mike Gatto  
 Chair, Assembly Committee on Appropriations  
 State Capitol  
 P.O. Box 942849  
 Sacramento, CA 94249-0043

**SUBJECT: AB 2516 (Gordon) – LETTER OF SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblyman Gatto:

On behalf of the Cities Association Board of Directors, I write to you to express support for AB 2516 (Gordon), which if passed would create a state-wide database on reports and studies regarding sea level rise, an issue of value to several cities in Santa Clara County.

The Cities Association is a collaboration of the 15 cities in Santa Clara County and advocates on behalf of the cities to improve the quality of life for the people of our county. Our Board of Directors is made up of the Mayor or an appointed Council Member from each city in Santa Clara County; the Board meets monthly and addresses issues of mutual concern to the region. For a number of our cities, sea level rise is an immediate concern. Sea levels may rise twice as much by the end of this century than was previously predicted. Hundreds of thousands of people and billions of dollars of California infrastructure and property will be at risk.

AB 2516 proposes the establishment of a statewide database that would serve as a single source of information revealing what cities, counties, entities that manage granted public trust lands, entities that manage major infrastructure, and regions throughout the state have done to address and respond to sea level rise. Making such information accessible would be invaluable to local entities as they strive to effectively address the risk of sea level rise for their communities.

As the unified voice of the cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association recognizes that if adopted, AB 2516 would provide local entities with invaluable and educational information as they collectively address the risk of sea level rise in their communities. We urge you to support and vote yes for AB 2516.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve Tate

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

CC: Assembly Member Rich Gordon, Cities Association of Board of Directors