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

RE: AB 1970 (Gordon) Community Investment and Innovation Program– Letter of Support

Dear Assemblyman Gatto:

On behalf of the Cities Association Board of Directors, I write to you to express support for AB 1970 (Gordon), which would create the Community Investment and Innovation Program and allocate funds to local governments for grants and other financial assistance to develop and implement greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction projects.

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. Investment in reducing emissions from the transportation, land management, municipal electricity, water management, and other key sectors is necessary and broadly supported. Local governments are uniquely positioned to work with local planners and the public to initiate integrated, multi-benefit projects that can deliver the greatest GHG reductions per dollar. This integrated approach allows local governments to develop comprehensive projects that cut across sectors, engage multiple partners, create jobs, and would otherwise require multiple grant applications to multiple state agencies.

As the unified voice of the cities of Santa Clara County, the Cities Association recognizes that if adopted, AB 1970 would help local governments meet the challenges of adopting climate action plans and integrating strategies to transform communities and create long-term sustainability. We urge you to vote yes for AB 1970 and support creating a program that supports local governments as they strive to reduce GHG emissions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Tate". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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