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The Honorable Gregg Hart
California State Capitol
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 632 Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Hart:

This Letter serves to notice the support of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County JPA for your measure, Assembly Bill 632.

The Cities Association of Santa Clara County is an interjurisdictional body comprising members representing all 15 municipal corporations in Santa Clara County: Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Monte Sereno, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Saratoga, and Sunnyvale. A key element of our mission is to act as a collective voice for our cities toward our representatives in Sacramento with respect to our legislative needs. AB 632 answers broad needs arising in many of our cities as we seek to recover costs and deter problematic behaviors that make our communities less safe.

Specifically, AB 632's authorization of special procedures for obtaining judgments and to impose liens to enforce administrative fines and penalties for violations of particular cannabis-related laws, housing habitability laws, and fire hazard laws will significantly reduce the administrative costs for cities seeking to make meaningful enforcement of this subset of laws intended to improve local health and safety. By reducing the hurdles to obtaining judgments and imposing liens, cities will have a stronger hand in collecting penalties and fines by reducing the current enforcement costs that would otherwise require more extensive litigation. By allowing cities a streamlined mechanism for such enforcement, AB 632 also enhances the deterrent effect of local regulations, preventing such violations in the first instance. We see this effect as a unique public good. At the same time, the measure continues to afford potential defendants with ample procedural due process to ensure that the bill's provisions are not abused.

In short, AB 632 strikes the right balance between reducing administrative costs and improving enforcement on of key public safety standards on the one hand, and property owner's procedural due process rights on the other. For these reasons, the Cities Association is proud to offer its strong support of AB 632.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Larry Klein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Larry" and last name "Klein" clearly distinguishable.

Larry Klein
President, Cities Association of Santa Clara
Mayor, City of Sunnyvale

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J.R. Fruen". The signature is very stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

J.R. Fruen
Chair, CASC Legislative Action Committee
Councilmember, City of Cupertino

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