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The Honorable Josh Becker
California State Capitol
1021 O Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 326 Notice of Support

Dear Senator Becker:

This Letter serves to notice the support of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County JPA for your measure, Senate Bill 326.

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. SB 326 answers specific needs our member cities—and most particularly those in or along the wildland-urban interface—broadly share.

SB 326's requirement that the State Fire Marshall prepare and regularly update a Wildfire Risk Mitigation Planning Framework, a Wildfire Risk Baseline and Forecast, and a Wildfire Mitigation Scenarios Report represents a commonsense set of changes to help California cities adequately prepare for and mitigate the risk of wildfires. As you are aware, California has the highest wildfire risk in the United States. We have also all witnessed increasingly damaging wildfires that have plagued the state in recent years. In particular, the Los Angeles-area fires earlier this year underscore how vulnerable so many of our communities are to these events. SB 326 will help local jurisdictions develop data-driven plans within their Local Responsibility Areas to mitigate and prevent the spread of wildfires. This legislation will also provide local jurisdictions with fire risk assessment and mitigation tools that they are poorly equipped to develop on their own. In addition, we specifically applaud the inclusion of funding for the implementation of defensible space policies and home hardening programs.

For the foregoing reasons, the Cities Association offers its strong support of SB 326.

Sincerely,

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