

Tri-Valley Cities

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April 19, 2021

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 3086
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 15 (Portantino) Housing development: incentives: rezoning of idle retail sites
Letter of Support from the Tri-Valley Cities

Dear Senator Portantino:

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Cities (TVC) Coalition, whose members include the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the town of Danville, we write to express our support for Senate Bill 15, your measure which would provide incentives in the form of grants allocated to local governments that rezone idle sites used for a big box retailers or a commercial shopping center to allow housing or mixed use development.

As local jurisdictions and the state search for ways to meet our increasing housing demand, we appreciate your recognition of the need for local flexibility, and the important role that state funding plays in the development of housing. The TVC agree that now is an opportune time to construct affordable housing on land that is currently idle, should a jurisdiction feel it is appropriate within the context of their local community.

In enabling cities to receive from HCD the average of the annual amount of sales tax revenue generated by the formal commercial site for the last seven (7) years, SB 15 provides a mechanism which will surely increase affordable and moderate housing in California and will result in stability for many hardworking Californians.

We thank you for your thoughtfulness and work on this important policy topic and are pleased to support Senate Bill 15.

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Danville



Melissa Hernandez
Mayor of Dublin



Bob Woerner
Mayor of Livermore



Karla Brown
Mayor of Pleasanton



Dave Hudson
Mayor of San Ramon

