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The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **ACA 1, as amended, Aguiar-Curry. Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.**
Notice of SUPPORT (As amended May 16, 2019)

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry,

The Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) is pleased to support your bill, ACA 1, which would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects from 2/3rds approval to 55% approval. Local governments have widespread and urgent infrastructure needs and the high cost of housing in the state is well-documented. Communities need additional flexibility to promote the development of affordable housing close to jobs and to continue to provide critical infrastructure for a better quality of life.

ACA 1 provides the voters an opportunity to consider treating investments in local infrastructure and affordable housing in a similar manner as schools. California voters have demonstrated through their past approval of major state school, housing, and water bonds, that they understand the importance of investing in their future.

It is encouraging that ACA 1 would help allow voters the opportunity to weigh in on local investments on infrastructure and affordable housing – issues that are so critical to the state's future, prosperity and quality of life.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
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