



June 15, 2011

Honorable Members
California State Senate and Assembly
State Capitol
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: Oppose “Two-Bill” Redevelopment Elimination Proposal

Dear Senators and Assembly Members:

We are writing to reemphasize that we remain united in our strong opposition to any budget proposal that would eliminate redevelopment.

We understand that SB X14 and X15 will be heard by the Senate as early as Wednesday June 15th and will seek to eliminate redevelopment agencies in order to secure revenue for the General Fund and then potentially reconstitute those agencies through a two-bill process.

We oppose the two-bill proposal because the language requires a mandatory contribution of tax increment or an agency faces elimination. We believe this is unconstitutional and will be litigated at a great cost to the State.

We believe that redevelopment should be reformed not eliminated and that legislative efforts should be focused on supporting reform packages, such as AB 1250 (Alejo & 14 Democratic coauthors) and SB 286 (Wright) which would enhance redevelopment accountability while limiting its footprint.

Please support redevelopment reform and oppose elimination.

Sincerely,



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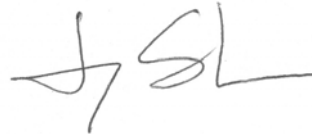
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