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## Contra Costa County



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May 14, 2014

The Honorable Susan Bonilla  
Capitol Building #4140  
Sacramento, CA 95814

### **RE: AB 2381 (Bonilla) Private Parking Facilities – SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Bonilla:

As Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, I write to inform you that Contra Costa County supports AB 2381 which seeks to clarify that state law allows cities and counties to adopt ordinances allowing private property owners to regulate and enforce parking rules on their properties.

Contra Costa County works with community partners, businesses, and residents to promote and enhance local business vitality. It is important for property owners and their merchant tenants to have the ability to manage their lots to ensure adequate numbers of open spaces for customers to park. The City of Walnut Creek has adopted a city ordinance to allow private property owners to meter their lots and enforce time limits on those meters. However, the validity of the Walnut Creek ordinance has been put into question by an Attorney General legal opinion which states that California statute must authorize such an ordinance. This opinion, while not binding, has had the unfortunate consequence of discouraging other cities and counties from adopting ordinances that would benefit their downtown business associations, local merchants, and customers. AB 2381 will provide clarity to the matter by addressing the Attorney General opinion and clearly stating that such ordinances are valid.

AB 2381 provides cities and business owners the tools to better manage parking in privately owned lots. For these reasons, Contra Costa County supports the bill and wishes you success in its passage.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Karen Mitchoff".

KAREN MITCHOFF  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

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cc:     Members, Board of Supervisors  
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