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Hon. Candace Andersen
Chair & Supervisor, District II
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street, Room 107
Martinez, CA 94553



RE: SUPPORT FOR CONTRA COSTA COUNTY MEASURE X

Dear Chair Andersen:

As you know, businesses and communities are dependent on quality transportation infrastructure to maintain economic competitiveness on regional and global levels. Goods and people movement is the bloodline of a robust economy, and although the East Bay benefits from a comprehensive system of freeways, rail and public transit, we need to support the needs of our aging infrastructure and growing population in a long-term, sustainable manner.

The Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) has an excellent track record of developing new projects and maintaining existing transportation routes, and has successfully leveraged local sales tax dollars with state and federal funding. The organization is committed to leverage local dollars in the future to allow for maximum investment in improving transportation in Contra Costa County. Funding for transportation through the state is dwindling, and it is continually the responsibility of local government to self-fund their own projects. The proposed County sales tax measure will help ensure that regional mobility continues to move forward as improved transportation infrastructure in Contra Costa County affects the entire Bay Area.

Given the impact to residents and businesses in the East Bay, the East Bay Economic Development Alliance (East Bay EDA), comprised of over 115 organizations ranging from small businesses, large corporations, educational institutions, local municipalities, labor organizations and regional nonprofits, has endorsed the Contra Costa County Measure X sales tax increase as a critical element to improve transportation in the East Bay region. We thank the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors for their foresight and leadership in addressing the region's transportation needs.

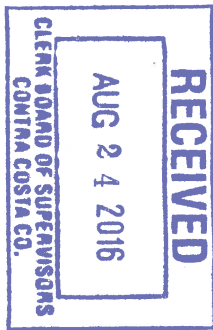
Sincerely,

Ms. Darien Louie
Executive Director
East Bay Economic Development Alliance

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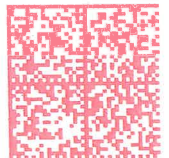


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