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California Senate Appropriations Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2206  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 795 (Beall) Building Affordable and Inclusive Communities  
Notice of SUPPORT (As amended 5/6/2020)

Dear Chair Portantino and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

Thank you for your concern and work toward housing solutions in California.

We write today on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), an association of the fifteen cities of the county and the elected representatives of more than 1.9 million Bay-Area residents. Since 1990, the city representatives have been gathering to discuss and find consensus and solutions for regional issues. The cities of our association are diverse and include cities of a few thousand people and a city of a million people.

The CASCC is please to support SB 795 (Beall), which would create a sustainable state fund source, with the purpose of addressing the homelessness and affordable housing crisis, and jump starting local economies. This measure would largely invest in existing programs to quickly get local government the funding they need to address and prevent homelessness and spur the construction of affordable housing. SB 795 would also create two new programs administered by the Office of Business and Economic Development Office (GoBiz) to help local governments with economic recovery and natural disaster preparedness.

Specifically, SB 795 would allocate \$2 billion annually for five years to the following programs: •  
Multifamily Housing Program - \$500 million

- Infill Incentive Grant Program - \$300 million
- Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program - \$200 million
- Cal Home Program - \$75 million
- Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Fund - \$75 million
- Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program - \$665 million
- Climate, Sea Level, and Natural Disaster Program - \$100 million
- Community Economic Development Program - \$95 million

These unprecedented times call for urgent action to help protect our most vulnerable Californians. Keeping people in their homes and building more affordable housing must be at the top of our priority list.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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