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The Honorable Connie M. Leyva
State Capitol, Room 4061
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Senate Bill 1145 (LEYVA) – SPONSOR

Dear Senator Leyva:

The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) is pleased to sponsor and support SB 1145 to protect local economic development investments by allowing Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs) to finance ongoing maintenance costs for public projects financed by the EIFD. These districts provide financing for a broad range of infrastructure and public works- including roads and affordable housing. We thank you for your leadership in authoring this legislation.

While costs currently eligible for EIFD financing include construction, acquisition and rehabilitation, as well as planning and design expenses, they exclude maintenance costs. Existing law prohibits a district from financing routine maintenance and repair work. SB 1145 will allow EIFDs to maintain facilities and protect taxpayer investments.

In 2014, Senate Bill 628 (Beall) was enacted to allow local agencies to create EIFDs to finance key infrastructure projects and facilities. EIFDs are an important economic development tool since their structure and use allow jurisdictions to move projects forward that would otherwise be shelved, given the absence of Redevelopment.

CALED recognizes that long-term maintenance costs are oftentimes overlooked in infrastructure development. This is problematic in that many communities will need funds from these districts to maintain the structures they have built. Furthermore, allowing EIFDs to perform routine maintenance and repairs during the life of the district and associated revenues provides security to local general funds and allows district budgets to reflect the true costs of building and maintaining infrastructure.

EIFDs are an important tool in growing local economies and SB 1145 makes them more effective. Thank you for introducing this important and necessary measure to protect local investments that create economic development benefits for California communities.

Sincerely,

Gurbax Sahota
President & CEO

cc: CALED Board, members, and partners