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California Association for Local Economic Development

April 10, 2019

The Honorable Rudy Salas
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4106
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Support Assembly Bill 1274

Dear Assemblymember Salas:

I am writing on behalf of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) to express our support for Assembly Bill 1274 (AB 1274), which seeks to establish in statute the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. This is important legislation because it supports the economic development efforts of the San Joaquin Valley, which is a pivotal economic engine for California's economy.

The California Partnership for San Joaquin Valley is a strategic, public-private partnership that, among other things, identifies projects and programs that will improve the economic vitality of the San Joaquin Valley. It uses a holistic approach that focuses on creating a prosperous economy, quality environment, and social equity throughout the valley.

In the past, the California Partnership for San Joaquin Valley has had bipartisan support. Governor Schwarzenegger created the partnership through an Executive Order to extend the program indefinitely. Governor Brown continued to support the partnership and its activities during his term in office as well.

AB 1274 is a measure that will continue the regional economic development efforts in the Central Valley. With over 750 members practicing economic development in California, CALED is the voice for the profession and we thank you for introducing AB 1274. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 916-448-8252.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

