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The Honorable Laura Friedman
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RE: SUPPORT for AB 930 – RISE Districts

Dear Assemblymember Friedman:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Assembly Bill (AB) 930. This bill would authorize two or more local governmental agencies to form a Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) district to use tax increment financing for infill development.

AB 930 is a promising framework to re-establish a tax increment financing tool to spur investment in a manner that supports sustainable development. RISE Districts would allow local governmental agencies to capture the value generated by public infrastructure improvements in a way that meets our region's housing and climate goals. SCAG appreciates your leadership on this important topic and is pleased to offer our support for your efforts.

However, some questions remain concerning the role of MPOs in determining eligibility for potential RISE districts. As you know, SCAG develops the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), which we call Connect SoCal, for the Southern California region. The 2020-2045 Connect SoCal identified Priority Growth Areas (PGAs) comprised of High-Quality Transit Areas, Transit Priority Areas, Jobs Centers, Livable Corridors, and Neighborhood Mobility Areas. In Connect SoCal, PGAs account for only four percent of our region's total land area, but the implementation of SCAG's recommended growth strategies will help these areas accommodate 64 percent of forecasted household growth and 74 percent of forecasted employment growth between 2016 and 2045. Locating new households and employment in PGAs can reduce travel distances, increase mobility options, improve workplace access, and conserve the region's natural resources. SCAG and other MPO's PGAs would be an invaluable resource

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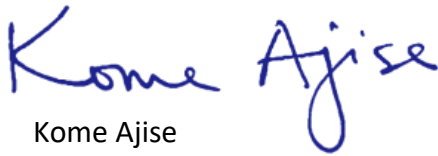
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in helping determine RISE district eligibility. Thus, we recommend that MPOs be part of the RISE district eligibility guideline development process.

AB 930 would provide another tool for our region's cities, counties, transportation commissions, and other partner organizations to implement the infill housing and infrastructure goals envisioned in Connect SoCal. For this reason and many more, SCAG is pleased to support AB 930. If we can be of assistance to you on this bill, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislative Affairs Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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