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The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Rebecca Bauer-Kahan
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 2130
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 1487 (Chiu) San Francisco Bay Area: Housing Development Financing
Updated Letter from the City of Lafayette**

Dear Assembly Member Chiu and Assembly Member Bauer-Kahan,

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I want to express my concerns about the limited time that cities and the public will have to review and comment on the pending amendments made to Assembly Bill 1487.

Thank you again for the opportunity to meet with you both on May 20. I appreciate you taking the time to listen to the concerns voiced by Contra Costa Mayors. Based on our discussion at that meeting, the City of Lafayette removed its opposition to the bill and assumed a "watch" position. However, over a month has gone by and it is my understanding that the amendments have not yet been made. I am growing increasingly concerned that our suggestions, referenced below, may not be included in the latest version of the bill:

- Ensure a fair and equitable percentage of "return to source" funds with at least 75% returned to cities;
- Use improvement of the jobs/housing balance as the criteria for allocating the remaining funds;
- Allow cities to apply for that funding directly;
- Appoint ABAG whose Board is composed of locally elected officials to serve as the regional entity disbursing those funds; and
- Eliminate a regional sales tax increase as a revenue measure to fund this endeavor

We understand that the bill will be acted on shortly. Having not had an opportunity to review the revised bill – and, more importantly, allow time for public comment on the amendments – I believe that the public process has been short-circuited. So that the public process is truly transparent and inclusive, I ask that you provide us with the revised version of the bill as soon as possible so that we can review it and also share it with our constituents. We believe we can help provide additional language to the legislation to make it stronger.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to continuing our work together to address the housing shortage facing the Bay Area

Most sincerely,

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Mike Anderson
Mayor

CC: Senator Steve Glazer
Lafayette City Council