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February 4, 2019

Honorable Mayor Tran and Members of the City Council
City of Milpitas
455 E. Calaveras Blvd.
Milpitas, CA 95035

Dear Mayor Tran, Vice Mayor Dominguez, and Councilmembers Phan, Montano, and Nunez,

Re: Resolution to Support Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Subregion

We write today on behalf of our members to register strong support for the Santa Clara County RHNA Subregion, and urge the City Council to agree to participate alongside the other 15 jurisdictions in the County.

No one is in disagreement that the region is experiencing a housing crisis, and most would agree that no one city can solve the crisis on its own and that a regional response is needed.

A RHNA Subregion provides a unified voice in responding to the area's housing needs, allowing all cities in the County to work together to plan for housing, develop strategies and tools, and collaborate on regional and Statewide advocacy. Additionally, a Subregion would offer other opportunities for cooperation, including sharing Housing Element consultants, sharing expertise, analyses, and policies, as well as potentially enabling a shared review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department. Three of the Bay Area's nine counties already have RHNA Subregions, including San Mateo County.

We see only positives in taking positive action. We anticipate full cooperation from all 15 cities in the region. Nothing about this proposal would require Milpitas to take on additional housing need that it does not want to accept. Yet the proposal would facilitate added coordination and cooperation between nearby cities, something that is vital if we are going to meet the housing needs of our region.

Thank you for your consideration, and for the work you have done to meet your RHNA obligations over the years.

Sincerely,

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