The Honorable David Chiu  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 95814  

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RE: AB 73 (Chiu) – Planning and zoning: housing sustainability districts.

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

On behalf of the 300 businesses, organizations and individuals that make up the San Francisco Housing Action Coalition (SFHAC) membership, I’m pleased to share our support of the intent of Assembly Bill 73.

AB 73 would incentivize cities to re-zone for higher density infill housing around transit hubs, which would in turn support regional housing production goals as well as provide more affordable housing to meet local needs. AB 73 would also help minimize the fiscal impact of such new development by providing for incentive payments tied to related local CEQA review, rezoning and project approval efforts. We are interested to learn more about the proposed incentive payments. In the meantime, we suggest that the proposed three year performance period be stayed in the event of related litigation.

We thank you for your leadership on this critical issue. Please let us know how our advocacy can be helpful in the passing of this critical legislation.

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