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The Honorable Buffy Wicks
Chair, Assembly Committee
Housing and Community Development
1021 O Street, Room 4240
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SUPPORT FOR AB 1657 (WICKS) – AFFORDABLE HOUSING BOND ACT OF 2024

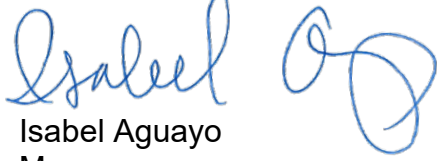
Dear Assemblymember Wicks,

The City of Paramount is pleased to support Assembly Bill (AB) 1657, which would place a \$10 billion bond measure on the March 2024 ballot and will provide a much-needed source of revenue stream that cities can tap into to help with the production of affordable and supportive housing.

Housing affordability and homelessness are among the most critical issues facing Californians today. City officials intimately understand these crises firsthand. The added pressures from State-mandated legislation often represent unnecessary burdens that local municipalities must navigate through without providing the necessary means to aid in accomplishing State mandates. As affirmed by the Housing Plan in the adopted Paramount Housing Element, the City works diligently to find creative solutions so homes of all income levels can be built. The City is calling on the Legislature and the Governor to provide ongoing funding to help cities and counties prevent and reduce homelessness and incentivize housing development.

AB 1657 would provide targeted and significant funding to support community-based solutions that get our residents off the streets and keep them in their homes. For these reasons, the City of Paramount strongly supports AB 1657 to promote the construction of affordable housing in our community. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. On behalf of the City of Paramount, we thank you for your time and consideration.

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CC. Honorable State Senator Lena Gonzalez, 33rd District
 Honorable Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, 62nd District
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