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The Honorable Matt Haney
Chair, Assembly Housing and Community Development Committee
1020 N Street, Room 156
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for AB 2002 – Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) Grant Program Codification

Dear Chair Haney:

On behalf of the City of Paramount, I write in support of Assembly Bill (AB) 2002, authored by Assemblymember José Luis Solache (D-Lynwood), which would codify the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP 1.0) grant program and preserve a critical housing program that helped foster effective regional housing planning and provide technical assistance for California's 541 cities and counties.

California's housing shortage requires strong local planning capacity to meet our housing goals. Cities and counties are responsible for updating housing elements, identifying and rezoning sites, and navigating increasingly complex State requirements, often with limited staff and resources. REAP 1.0 helped address these challenges by providing funding that allowed the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – and other councils of governments – to support direct technical assistance, subregional coordination, housing element updates, data tools, and other locally driven planning efforts.

In the Gateway Cities region of Southeast Los Angeles County, the City of Paramount joined the Gateway Cities Council of Governments in developing and implementing a slate of projects funded by the REAP 1.0 program. Some examples included resources for accessory dwelling unit (ADU) funding and construction, forming the Gateway Cities Affordable Housing Trust, and developing model housing ordinances (inclusionary housing, density bonus, SB 9) that were helpful to Paramount's local housing ordinances. These efforts directly helped Paramount meet our State housing requirements more efficiently and with greater certainty.

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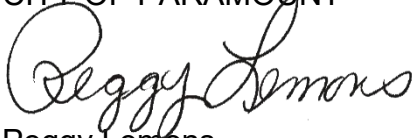
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Since REAP 1.0 was implemented as a temporary program, this critical support expired, despite the growing cost and complexity of housing compliance driven by new requirements from recent legislation, with the 7th Cycle RHNA projected to be the costliest in California history. AB 2002 would establish REAP 1.0 in statute, ensuring the Legislature can continue investing in the local planning resources necessary for cities and counties to meet housing goals and promote housing production.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount respectfully supports AB 2002 and urges your favorable consideration. Please feel free to contact City Manager John Moreno at (562) 220-2225, if you have any questions. We appreciate your time and consideration.

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