



City of Encinitas

Office of
The Mayor

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The Honorable Todd Gloria
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4162
Sacramento, CA 95814

Catherine S. Blakespear
Mayor

**RE: AB 1324 (Gloria). Metropolitan planning organizations: transactions and use taxes.
Notice of Support (As Amended March 20, 2017)**

Dear Assembly Member Gloria,

Tony Kranz
Deputy Mayor

The City of Encinitas supports your AB 1324 (Gloria) Metropolitan planning organizations: transactions and use taxes. It seems the intent of your bill is to allow sub-areas within SANDAG do their own assessment fees for transportation, assuming voters within the sub-area approved the assessment. For example, the coastal cities in San Diego County could come together to tax themselves to make improvements to the rail corridor to address noise and safety issues. This could provide a useful funding mechanism, since the funding would remain in the area of self-assessment.

Tasha Boerner Horvath
Council Member

The City of Encinitas is physically divided by the coastal rail corridor, and the presence of the rail has a big impact on the city. We have been conducting a Rail Corridor Vision Study to address these very issues in our city. The outcome from the Rail Corridor Vision Study will be a long-term, comprehensive vision for the rail corridor based on input from both multi-jurisdictional agencies and members of the public to address connectivity and quality of life needs along the rail corridor, in consideration of numerous ongoing projects in this area. Early action projects may be identified, such as quiet zones.

Mark Muir
Council Member

Needless to say, the costs of rail corridor improvements can be daunting, and grant funding is an inconsistent mechanism. Your bill, however, provides opportunity for a stable funding mechanism for these very projects.

Joe Mosca
Council Member

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 1324 (Gloria).

Sincerely,

Catherine Blakespear
Mayor

Karen P. Brust
City Manager

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