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The Honorable Steve Glazer
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

April 28, 2020

Re: Senate Bill 1349 (Glazer): Letter of Support

Dear Senator Glazer:

On behalf of the City of Lafayette, I would like to thank you for authoring SB 1349.

Senate Bill 1349 makes important changes to existing law regarding a city or county's ability to levy a transaction and use tax for general or specific purposes, subject to certain limitations and express voter approval requirements.

This bill does not in any way alter the existing requirement that any new or additional transactions and use tax be submitted to the voters for approval, nor does the bill raise the existing 2% cap. Rather the bill simply clarifies existing law for purposes of the current 2% cap on the combined rate of all taxes.

As this bill will provide Contra Costa County with the tools needed to generate funding for critical services, provide the option as to when any additional transactions and use tax can be submitted to the voters, and in light of the massive economic impacts placed on local government due to the COVID 19 pandemic, we support your legislation and commend your leadership during such trying times.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Anderson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mike Anderson
Mayor

Cc: Assembly Member Bauer Kahan
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