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May 31, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee
State Capitol, Room 412
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: SB 1067 (Portantino) Parking Requirements – OPPOSE

Dear Chair Portantino:

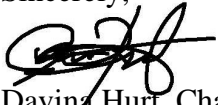
On behalf of the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, I write to respectfully express C/CAG's OPPOSITION to SB 1067, which would, under certain conditions, prohibit a local government from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on housing developments if the development is located on a parcel within one-half mile of public transit.

While SB 1067 may be well intended, parking requirements are most appropriately established at the local level based on community needs. A one-size fits all approach to an issue that is project and community specific will not work. Many areas in San Mateo County, and elsewhere in the Bay Area and beyond, are already experiencing the effects of limited parking in communities that are dually affected by the housing crisis. While our municipalities support transit-oriented development, removing local authority to determine parking restrictions in these areas may exacerbate recent development trends and reduce community support for new housing development and result in unaffordable housing for the population in greatest need coupled with greater demand on existing services, including parking.

Parking requirements are a critical part of the local government's planning process. At the Countywide level, C/CAG is actively engaged in improving mobility, the environment, and equity with an updated Countywide TDM that encourages alternative modes of travel; and consistent financial support for Commute.org, shuttles, and bicycle and pedestrian improvements.

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Sincerely,



Davina Hurt, Chair

City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County

Cc: Members of the Senate Appropriations Committee
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