



CITY OF MURRIETA

July 23, 2019

The Honorable Cecilia Aguiar-Curry
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 5144
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) - Local Government Financing: Affordable Housing and Public Infrastructure: Voter Approval - Notice of Support

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

The City of Murrieta is pleased to support your bill, ACA 1, which would lower the voter threshold requirements for special taxes by a local government for the purpose of providing funding for affordable housing and public infrastructure projects from 2/3rds approval to 55% approval.

As you know, local governments have widespread and urgent infrastructure needs and the high cost of housing in the state is well-documented. Local communities need additional flexibility for the development of affordable housing and to provide critical infrastructure for a better quality of life.

ACA 1 provides the voters an opportunity to consider investments in local infrastructure and affordable housing in a similar manner as schools. California voters have demonstrated through their past approval of major state school, housing, and water bonds, the importance of investing in their future.

Thank you for your leadership and let's pass ACA 1 to provide voters with an opportunity to weigh in on local investments on infrastructure and affordable housing – issues that are so critical to the state's future, prosperity and quality of life.

For the reasons stated above, the City supports ACA 1. If you have any questions, please contact Louie Lacasella, City Manager's Office at (951) 461-6008 or llacasella@MurrietaCA.gov.

Sincerely,

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Mayor

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