



## CITY OF MURRIETA

March 27, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
State Capitol, Ste. 7620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Caballero,

The City of Murrieta is pleased to **Support** SB 747, which contains much needed clarifications and reforms to the Surplus Land Act (SLA) and reaffirms the role of existing Economic Opportunity Law that is used by local agencies to acquire and dispose of property to improve economic opportunities for residents.

The implementation of the SLA, including recent guidelines by the Housing and Community Development Department, has created immense delays and difficulties for local government agencies dealing with the use of their properties to further housing and economic development goals in service of their residents. SB 747 addresses these concerns through an array of helpful changes to the SLA, including clarifying that only leases of less than 35 years are subject to the SLA, providing exemptions to assist transit, transit-oriented development, airports, ports and other important agency uses, and avoiding delays for affordable housing developments which comply with the SLA's affordability requirements.

Thank you for your leadership in beginning to apply a sharper legislative focus on the application of the SLA to ensure that the administration of the law remains consistent with legislative intent and avoids unintended delays or conflicts with other laws and policy priorities the Legislature has enacted- including actions to support and further economic development.

For these reasons, the City of Murrieta is pleased to Support SB 747. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (951) 461-6003 or [sagajanian@murrietaca.gov](mailto:sagajanian@murrietaca.gov).

Sincerely,

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City of Murrieta, California

Cc: Members, Senate Committee on Governance and Finance  
Gurbax Sahota, Chief Executive Officer, California Association for Local Economic Development