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The Honorable David Chiu California State Assembly State Capitol Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: AB 2923 (Chiu) – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Chiu:

Greenbelt Alliance is the San Francisco Bay Area's leading organization working to protect natural and agricultural landscapes from sprawl development and help our cities and towns grow in smart ways. We are the champions of the places that make the Bay Area special, with more than 10,000 supporters and a 60-year history of local and regional success.

We are writing to express our full support for AB 2923.

This legislation will foster equitable, sustainable neighborhoods on underutilized BART-owned properties around BART stations. This transformation would not only help address the Bay Area's housing affordability crisis, it will foster greater transit ridership, reduce vehicle miles traveled, cut greenhouse gas emissions, and ease development pressure on our natural and agricultural lands.

We look forward to AB 2923 catalyzing the creation of great neighborhoods that meet the needs of people across the income spectrum and improve the quality of life for all Bay Area residents.

Sincerely,

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