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

Re: AB 2923 Support – BART: Transit-Oriented Development Zoning Standards

Dear Assembly Members David Chiu & Tim Grayson:

We are writing to express support for Assembly Bill 2923, which will require the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) district to establish strong transit-oriented development (TOD) zoning standards on BART-owned land and require local zoning for these BART-owned lands to be consistent with the standards. AB 2923 would facilitate development of more than 20,000 new homes – both market-rate and affordable – precisely where they are needed most, near major rail transit.

AB 2923 will not only help house the region's workforce, add accessible jobs, and reduce roadway congestion by improving transit options, the bill will also create billions of dollars of construction investment and thousands of new construction jobs. BART has been a responsible partner, committed to hiring trained labor for transit-oriented development projects. We have faith that BART will continue to be a leader in good labor practices, and strongly support the bills requirement that SB 35 labor requirements apply to BART TOD projects.

AB 2923 is a win for labor, jobs, equity, housing, the environment, mobility, and livable communities. We thank you for your leadership on this balanced strategy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rob Stoker", written in a cursive style.

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