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March 27, 2023

Senator Anna Caballero
Chair, Senate Governance and Finance Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

CC: Senator Kelly Seyarto, Catherine Blakespear, Brian Dahle, María Elena Durazo, Steven M. Glazer, Nancy Skinner, and Scott D. Wiener, and Committee Consultant Jonathan Peterson

RE: Senate Bill 20 - Notice of Support, As Introduced 12/5/22

Dear Senator Caballero,

The California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) writes to express our support of Senate Bill 20, which would allow cities to create regional housing trusts for the purposes of funding housing to assist people experiencing homelessness and families of low income within their jurisdictions.

CCCA applauds Senator Rubio for spearheading this legislation, as SB 20 is a collaborative, statewide solution that will spur regional funding and development of affordable housing at a time when it is desperately needed. CCCA routinely supports legislation that allows cities to exercise local control to best address the needs of their communities while expanding opportunities to build affordable housing. SB 20 does just this, as the bill broadens cities' options in terms of developing regional, locally-led solutions to the housing crisis. We also appreciate that SB 20 provides a framework for the regional housing trusts based on the successful efforts in the San Gabriel Valley, where 22 cities have come together to establish a joint powers authority. CCCA is encouraged by the collaborative spirit of the bill and is eager for more cities to have the ability to establish similar regional housing trusts moving forward.

CCCA represents over 85 cities throughout California. For more than 65 years, CCCA's mission has been to advance the benefits of the contracting model and strengthen local control. With collaborative governance as a focal point, CCCA has advanced its mission through education, advocacy, networking, and legislative access to protect and enhance the quality of life for more than 7.5 million residents. As a matter of policy, our organization supports and defends the rights of cities on policy issues pertinent to them, including public safety, housing, and homelessness. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our support of SB 20.

Yours in service,

Marcel Rodarte, Executive Director