

City of Hermosa Beach

Civic Center, 1315 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, CA 90254-3885

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The Honorable Ben Allen Senator, 26th District 1021 O Street, Suite 6610 Sacramento, CA 95814

## Re: SB 1444 (Allen) Joint powers authorities: South Bay Regional Housing Trust. – SUPPORT

Dear Senator Allen:

On behalf of the City of Hermosa Beach, I am writing to express our support for SB 1444 (Allen) which would create the South Bay Regional Housing Trust. The City of Hermosa Beach appreciates your authorship of this bill.

Residents throughout the State face an unprecedented housing affordability crisis. Our city intends to work with the SBCCOG as it further explores the feasibility of a regional housing trust that could facilitate the development of affordable housing in participating South Bay cities. We are encouraged that the South Bay Regional Housing Trust could be used to fund the development of affordable housing to assist homeless populations and people and families of extremely low, very low, and low income within the South Bay.

At this time, understanding this is not a firm commitment, our city expects to be a charter member of the trust. For these reasons, the City of Hermosa Beach supports SB 1444.

Sincerely,

Michael Detoy, Mayor City of Hermosa Beach

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