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Re: Support for Implementation of SB 375

Dear Chairperson Nichols and Board Members:

As a member of the Santa Monica City Council, I urge you adopt the ambitious greenhouse gas reduction targets and sustainable land use goals in SB 375. When implemented, SB 375 will create healthy, active communities designed around transit, walking and biking. At the same time, it will stimulate the creation of "green" jobs and smarter development, both of which will spur economic recovery. SB 375 will reduce costs for local governments and increase opportunities for the state, counties, and cities to capitalize on new federal funding streams.

In Santa Monica, our new Land Use and Circulation Element is designed to promote environmentally sensitive planning and encourage smart economic development—the same principles embedded in SB 375. We realize, however, that many implementation strategies, such as transit oriented development and transit improvement, must occur at the state and regional level if we want to maximize the benefits to our community. I, therefore, hope that you will continue California's leadership in this area by implementing SB 375.

Sincerely,

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