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April 22, 2019

The Honorable Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry, Chair  
California State Assembly Local Government Committee  
State Capitol Room 447  
Sacramento, CA 94249-0078

### **RE: AB 1413 (Gloria), Transportation: Local Transportation Authorities: Transactions and Use Taxes—SUPPORT**

Dear Assembly Member Aguiar-Curry:

On behalf of the Placer County Board of Supervisors, I would like to express our strong support for AB 1413 (Gloria). This legislation will empower counties all over California that aspire to address local transportation needs with a local transportation sales tax.

For Placer County, transportation is a key to our quality of life, environmental priorities and economic vitality, yet funding to provide for these needs at the local community level is difficult to obtain. What funding that is available from State and Federal sources often requires significant local match, which is frequently made available through a local transportation sales tax. Obtaining the required 2/3 majority support for a local transportation sales tax is made even more difficult in a county as diverse as Placer County.

There are examples of such previous legislative efforts to provide discrete portions within a county for a local entity to seek sales tax authority including in Placer County. Specifically, in 1994, legislation was passed to designate the area of Placer County east of the summit of the Sierras as a separate transportation sales tax district under the authority of the North Lake Tahoe Transportation Authority. The North Lake Tahoe Transportation Authority was reaffirmed by the Legislature in 2018 through AB 2920 (Thurmond).

AB 1413 would allow the Placer County Transportation agency to build on the districting approach by designating sales tax districts where needs are greatest and can be served with a regionally viable sales tax. Such districts would allow for targeted expenditure plans that speak to the critical transportation needs of those areas, with assurance that the funds generated would be spent in that same district. The measure does not propose to change any voting requirements for special sales tax elections.

For these reasons, we urge your yes vote for AB 1413. If you would like any further information about our experience in Placer County, please contact Joel Joyce, Senior Management Analyst at [jjoyce@placer.ca.gov](mailto:jjoyce@placer.ca.gov) or at (530) 889-4026.

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Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Kirk Uhler". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Kirk Uhler, Chair (District 4)  
Placer County Board of Supervisors

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