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The Honorable Jesse Arreguin
California State Senate District 07
1021 O Street, Suite 6710
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 762 (ARREGUÍN): TRANSACTIONS AND USE TAX - REQUEST FOR INCLUSION – CITY OF SAN PABLO

Dear Senator Arreguin:

On behalf of the City of San Pablo, I write to respectfully request the City's inclusion in SB 762 (Arreguin) legislation, and to commend your leadership in advancing a thoughtful and locally responsive approach to addressing the structural fiscal challenges facing California cities and counties.

Following San Pablo City Manager Matt Rodriguez' letter transmitted on March 3, 2026, the San Pablo City Council adopted Resolution No. #2026-XXX at its recent meeting on March 16, 2026, officially making this formal request for inclusion in the proposed SB 762 legislation (See Attachment).

Since March 3, 2025, the San Pablo City Council has authorized the City Manager to explore the feasibility and viability of a half-cent (0.50%) sales tax funding measure for placement on the November 2026 ballot. However, to proceed with funding feasibility, San Pablo seeks a legislative exemption from the State statutory 2% limit pursuant to Section 7251.1 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code, and to confirm that the Contra Costa County's regional funding efforts planned for 2026 do not impede our own City's funding initiative (i.e. BART half-cent (0.50) sales tax measure; Contra Costa BOS (0.625) sales tax measure)

By being included in the SB 762 legislation, the San Pablo City Council would be able to present this funding measure to our local electorate to make its own decision to approve or reject such a measure. This voter-centered approach is consistent with long-standing legislative principles recognizing that local fiscal challenges are best addressed through locally authorized revenue solutions. Following additional community polling of our electorate, our City's planned decision to place this measure before our local electorate is slated for July 2026 via adopted Ordinance requiring a 4/5th vote.

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If approved by local voters, any future sales tax revenue proposed by the City, facilitated by the SB 762 legislation, would greatly protect and preserve local funding for essential City programs and services into the near future, including but not limited to: community safety, illegal dumping prevention, homeless outreach services, increased rental protections or stabilization programs, youth scholarship programs, and funding for Senior Daily Meal programs in our community.

The City of San Pablo appreciates your leadership in advancing SB 762 and respectfully requests inclusion in the bill.

We look forward to continuing to work with your office to ensure that local governments have the tools necessary to remain fiscally stable, accountable, and responsive to their communities. Thank you for your continued commitment to local government fiscal sustainability and local voter-driven decision-making.

For any concerns or questions regarding this matter, please contact my office directly at (510) 215-3016 , or via email at: MattR@sanpabloca.gov

Sincerely:

Elizabeth Pabon-Alvarado, Mayor
City of San Pablo

Attachment: Adopted San Pablo City Council Resolution

cc: State Assembly Member Buffy Wicks (D-14th)
San Pablo City Council
San Pablo City Manager
San Pablo City Attorney

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