

CITY OF MANTECA

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The Honorable Heath Flora California State Assembly State Capitol, Room 3098 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1732 - SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Flora,

On behalf of the City of Manteca, I am pleased to support your Assembly Bill 1732. This bill would authorize the successor agency to the Manteca Redevelopment Agency (RDA) to dispose of a local property for less than market value to a nonprofit organization that provides resources to homeless and low-income individuals, provided that the property be used for those purposes.

In 2006, the former Manteca RDA acquired a parcel located at 555 Industrial Park in the City of Manteca which was originally proposed to be the site of the City's new police station. However, since the dissolution of the RDA, there have been no plans for future development of the property, and pursuant to Health and Safety Code, the successor agency is required to sell the property.

Meanwhile, the homeless population in the City continues to grow. Official point-in-time counts have shown a steady climb in unsheltered homeless individuals in the City since 2011. Local efforts, including partnerships with nonprofits have been a key component of addressing homelessness. The City wishes to repurpose the property to provide for a central outreach center operated by a nonprofit assisting homeless and low income individuals by providing clothing, showers, haircuts, meals and various services including counseling and rehabilitation.

AB 1732 would allow Manteca the opportunity to provide critical resources to a growing homeless population. For this reason, the City of Manteca is pleased to support AB 1732.

Sincerely

Benjamin J. Cantu, Mayor

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