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Palos Verdes Estates

OFFICE OF
THE MAYOR

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The Honorable Jim Beall
Chair, Senate Transportation Committee
California State Capitol, Room 2082
Sacramento, CA 95814

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile: (916) 651-4915

**RE: Assembly Bill (AB) 1 (Frazier) and Senate Bill (SB) 1 (Beall).
Transportation Funding. Notice of Support**

Dear Chair Beall:

Decreasing and inadequate Gas Tax revenues and limited local funding sources inhibit cities' ability to maintain roadways. AB 1 and SB 1 expressly support local needs and provide much needed funding for resurfacing, curb and gutter repairs; the bills further address impairments to safe vehicle and bicycle use of roadways. In extension of the City Council's support of SB 16 in May 2015, we again urge adoption of AB 1 and SB 1 by the California State Legislature.

As a small residential City with an annual operating budget of approximately \$17 million, primarily from Property Tax revenue, roadway maintenance and repair remain large, on-going and growing needs. Our roads are regional in nature; they are used by visitors, commuters and for recreational purposes without local revenues to sustain them. As such, it is critically important that the Legislature authorize local transportation funding during the 2017-2018 legislative session.

The transportation funding shortfall is significant, and AB 1 and SB 1 provide a reasonable approach to addressing the situation. Thank you for your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,

Jennifer L. King
Mayor

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