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

**Re: SB 3 (Beall): Affordable Housing Bond Act of 2018  
As introduced on December 5, 2016 – SUPPORT  
Set for hearing on February 28, 2017 – Senate Transportation & Housing  
Committee**

Dear Senator Beall:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) supports your Senate Bill 3, which would provide \$3 billion to fund affordable housing programs via a statewide general obligation bond. Specifically, the bill would allocate the bond revenues to six existing state affordable housing programs as follows: \$1.5 billion to the Multifamily Housing Program, \$300 million to the CalHome Program, \$300 million to the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Program, \$300 million to the Local Housing Trust Fund Matching Grant Program, \$200 million to the Transit-Oriented Development Program, \$300 million to the Infill Infrastructure Financing Program, and \$100 million to the existing Building Equity and Growth in Neighborhoods Program. Counties are eligible to participate in all of the programs proposed for funding under SB 3, either as individual applicants or as joint applicants with non-profit or for-profit housing developers.

CSAC understands that safe, clean and decent housing that is affordable to all income levels is essential to the health, safety and prosperity of all Californians and that the state is reaching a crisis point regarding both the availability of housing and its affordability. It is imperative that the state take advantage of low interest rates and make further investments in the development of affordable homes. In addition to the direct benefit of new, much-needed housing for Californians, counties will benefit from the direct and indirect economic activity, estimated at \$24.5 billion, and the additional local and state tax revenues, estimated at \$1.1 billion, that this housing bond will generate.

For these reasons, CSAC supports SB 3. Should you have any questions regarding our position, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Lee at 916-327-7500, ext. 521, or [clee@counties.org](mailto:clee@counties.org).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'DeAnn Baker'.

DeAnn Baker  
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cc: Members and Consultants, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee  
Doug Yoakam, Senate Republican Caucus