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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 6 (Beall) – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, I am writing to request your favorable consideration for SB 6, which will create a centralized database of state and locally owned surplus/vacant land and properties across the state. The City believes that having a centralized database will allow for the easier identification of parcels that have been deemed suitable for development.

California is facing a severe housing crisis that will require creative solutions to encourage new construction across the state. Families are facing skyrocketing rents, displacement, and for too many, homelessness. More must be done to help communities reach the housing development goals, at all income levels, prescribed in their general plan. The lack of clarity on the availability of property and which entities manage the land, delay land acquisition and ultimately development. SB 6 proposes a straightforward solution to identify and make public both state and local properties and vacant land as sites for housing development.

By utilizing information already reported by cities, counties, and the state, this bill creates a centralized database of state and locally owned surplus and vacant land and properties across California, which will be updated regularly and available for viewing by the public.

For these reasons, the City of Cupertino supports SB 6 and would request that you sign the measure into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven Scharf". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "S" and a long horizontal stroke.

Steven Scharf
Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Senator Jim Beall