(Your Agency’s Letterhead)

[*Date*]

The Honorable [Your *Legislator’s Name]*

California State [*Senate/Assembly*]

State Capitol

Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: ACA 1 (Aguiar-Curry) – Local Government Financing - SUPPORT

Dear Assembly Member/*Senator [Your Legislator’s Last Name]:*

On behalf of the [*Name of your district]*, I am writing to support ACA 1 (Aguiar- Curry), which will create a new voter approved mechanism with a vote threshold of 55% to approve local general obligation (G.O.) bonds and special taxes for certain affordable housing and public infrastructure projects. [*Include a brief description of your district*].

ACA 1 targets the urgent needs of local communities. This measure gives local governments a more realistic financing option to fund an increase in the supply of affordable housing, and to address the numerous local public infrastructure challenges cities, counties, and special districts are facing. The California Constitution currently requires a two-thirds vote at the local level for both G.O. bonds and special taxes, regardless of the purpose a city, county, or special district is seeking those funds.

ACA 1 will provide mechanisms for cities, counties, and special districts to have a viable financing tool to help address important community needs for affordable housing and public infrastructure. Local voters would still need to overwhelmingly support a bond or special tax (with 55%) in order for it to be approved, thus protecting voters’ control over how their tax dollars are spent. The bill also provides specific requirements for voter protection, public notice, and financial accountability.

*[Be sure to explain how the proposed legislation will help your community and the constituents you share with the legislator.]*

If approved by the Legislature, ACA 1 would then have to achieve voter approval during a statewide election. This would further solidify the fact that voters support this change. Californians want to have an impact on their communities, because they know best what their families and neighbors need.

For these reasons, [District Name] is pleased to support Assembly Constitutional Amendment1. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

*[Your name, Title]*

*[Name of your district]*

cc: Anthony Tannehill, Legislative Representative, California Special Districts Association [advocacy@csda.net]