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The Honorable Nancy Skinner, Chair
California State Senate
Senate Budget Committee
Capitol Annex Swing Space
O St, Sacramento, CA 95819

The Honorable Buffy Wicks
California State Assembly
Capitol Annex Swing Space
O St, Sacramento, CA 95819

Re: 2022 Budget Request from the City of Emeryville for the 40th Street Protected Bikeway and Multimodal Improvements Project

Dear Senator Skinner and Assembly Member Wicks:

On behalf of the Emeryville City Council, we want to express our deep gratitude and appreciation for your ongoing support, leadership, and tireless advocacy that has resulted in tremendous resources for our region, including last year's much-needed direct allocation for site remediation of a long-contaminated property in Emeryville.

As we head towards the 2022 State Budget session, the City of Emeryville's top priority is to close the approximately \$10.5 million funding gap for our 40th Street Protected Bikeway and Multimodal Improvements Project. The 40th Street Project is one of the most innovative, equitable and sustainable transportation projects in both the County and Regional Transportation Plans. The project will convert existing single-occupancy vehicle lanes into transit-only priority lanes, remove street parking the entire length of the corridor, replacing it with a two-way, separated cycle track, bicycle-pedestrian safety improvements at all intersections, transit islands and other bus stop improvements, and new streetscaping with opportunities for green infrastructure and public art. This corridor provides last mile transit connectivity between MacArthur BART and thousands of jobs in the Emeryville core, as well as Bay Trail access, helping connect families and children to natural resources and recreational activities on bicycle infrastructure that will be safe for children. Workers, including hourly wage employees earning California's highest minimum wage, residents and visitors alike will be able to commute via fast, reliable transit across the city, including on our free Emery-Go-Round shuttle service.

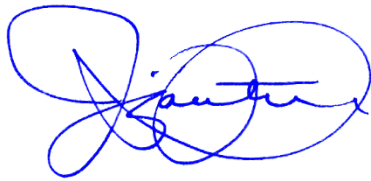
The City has already been successful in obtaining grants for project design and earlier this week the project was awarded an AHSC Grant by the California Sustainable Growth Council to fund construction on a western portion of this project. However, a funding gap of approximately \$10.5 million remains.

Emeryville is a small but vibrant community whose bold vision for itself is to be a regional and state leader on sustainability, housing affordability, transit equity, and socio-economic justice. We have worked hard to be a team player in delivering solutions that align with

the leadership and guidance you have provided as our state representatives and leaders. On behalf of our city, I ask that you prioritize the 40th Street Project for funding in this year. This one-time funding request is for a crucial infrastructure project that will enhance the use of other state investments and is exempt from the Gann limit.

Thank you for the continued leadership and partnership you have provided to the People and City of Emeryville. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance with this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Bauters", with a large, stylized initial "J" and a flourish at the end.

John Bauters
Mayor
City of Emeryville