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The Honorable Jim Beall  
California State Senate  
State Capitol Building, Room 2082  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: SB 6 (Beall) Surplus Property Collaboration - Notice of SUPPORT**

Dear Senator Beall,

The City of Cupertino is pleased to support Senate Bill 6, which will create a centralized database of state and locally owned surplus/vacant land and properties across the state. Having a centralized database will make things easier 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 is proud to support SB 6. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Gibbs at 916-447-4086.

Sincerely,

Steven Scharf  
Mayor, City of Cupertino

cc: Assemblymember Marc Berman  
Assemblymember Evan Low