

September 19, 2017

Governor Jerry Brown State Capitol Sacramento, CA 95814

## AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher) County of San Diego: transportation agencies Request for Signature

Dear Governor Brown,

On behalf of the City of Encinitas, we respectfully request your signature on AB 805. As amended on August 21, 2017, there is now an opportunity for any City in the region to hold the chair or vice-chair on the SANDAG Board of Directors. This is an important issue for the smaller cities in the County, among them Encinitas. The amendment to also ensure the chair and vice-chair are from different sub-regions is important, to ensure there is not a concentration of board leadership from one region.

While weighted votes favor larger jurisdictions within SANDAG, such votes have been used sparingly in the past. We anticipate there will be a continued spirit of cooperation within the SANDAG membership, since this is a regional organization.

Another agreeable feature of AB 805 is the ability of the two transit agencies, MTS and NCTD, to take independent Transnet tax proposals to the voters. This ensures that if passed, the tax proceeds would remain within each of their respective jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction may not have the same transit priorities, and this feature of AB 805 bill allows each board a measure of independence.

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher), and respectfully requests your signature on the measure.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Clay

Legislative Representative