



# City of Encinitas

Office of  
The Mayor

September 11, 2017

The Honorable Lorena Gonzalez Fletcher  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 2114  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
FAX: (916) 319-2180

*Catherine S. Blakespear*  
Mayor

**RE: AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher) County of San Diego: transportation agencies  
Letter of Support (as amended 8/21/17)**

*Tony Kranz*  
Deputy Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Gonzalez Fletcher:

The City of Encinitas supports Assembly Bill 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. Your 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.

*Tasha Boerner Horvath*  
Council Member

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.

*Mark Muir*  
Council Member

Another agreeable feature of your bill 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 your bill allows each board a measure of independence.

For these reasons, the City of Encinitas supports AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher).

*Joe Mosca*  
Council Member

Sincerely,

Catherine S. Blakespear  
Mayor

*Karen P. Brust*  
City Manager

cc: Senator Patricia Bates  
Assembly Member Rocky Chavez  
JGC Governmental Relations  
Catherine Hill, League of California Cities  
City Council