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September 19, 2017

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Requested Veto of AB 199 (Chu)

Dear Governor Brown:

I would like to respectfully request that you veto AB 199 (Chu) that requires prevailing wages be paid on private projects receiving any form of subsidy from successors to previously disbanded Redevelopment Agencies.

A significant reason for disbanding Redevelopment Agencies was to save precious taxpayer dollars. And while I was not in support of disbanding RDAs in the 2011 Budget Act, the one positive aspect of doing so was to eliminate the requirement of prevailing wages for private development on publicly approved projects – a move that has resulted in significant savings to the taxpayer.

A more honest way to require prevailing wages for the developments affected by AB 199 would be to fully restore RDAs and give them the authority required to do the job that was originally given to them. As a former Mayor of Temecula and a former Riverside County Supervisor, I know firsthand how important RDAs were to bring about responsible development that helped grow our local economy.

While I understand what AB 199 is attempting to accomplish, I would suggest that it is the wrong solution to the wrong problem. For these and many other reasons, I respectfully request that you veto AB 199.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Stone".

Jeff Stone
State Senator, 28th District