



**Assembly Floor Alert – Concurrence**  
**AB 551 – SUPPORT**

The above organizations support AB 551 (Ting), because:

- The bill helps address one of the biggest obstacles facing urban farmers in California – affordable access to land
  - It allows counties and cities to create Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones. In these areas, property owners would receive a reduced property tax liability in exchange for contracting their vacant land into urban agriculture use for at least 5 years.
- The legislation is narrowly tailored to target vacant land that is unlikely to otherwise be developed short-term and will only apply to parcels 3 acres in size or smaller.
- The proposed program is completely voluntary and opt-in for counties, cities, and property owners. The program will sunset in 5 years unless reauthorized by the state legislature.
- Urban agriculture provides many benefits to city residents including: education about fresh, healthy food and the effort it takes to produce it; environmental benefits for the city; community-building; vibrant green spaces and recreation; and a source of economic development, including increased neighboring home values.

**We strongly urge your AYE vote for AB 551 (Ting)**  
 (Full list of supporters on reverse)

## SUPPORTERS OF AB 551 (Ting)

- San Francisco Urban Agriculture Alliance (sponsor)
- City of Sacramento
- Craig McNamara, President, California State Board of Food and Agriculture
- SPUR, San Francisco
- Little City Gardens, San Francisco
- Greenhouse Project, San Francisco
- Mission Pie, San Francisco
- Supervisor David Chiu, San Francisco
- Aaron Roland, Property Owner, San Francisco
- Joseph Tierney, Property Owner, San Francisco
- Soil Born Farms, Sacramento
- Ubuntu Green, Sacramento
- Alchemist Community Development Corporation, Sacramento
- Sacramento Natural Foods Co-op
- City Slicker Farms, Oakland
- Oakland Food Policy Council
- Sustainable Economies Law Center, Oakland
- Oakland Roots The School Of Urban Sustainability
- Santa Clara County Open Space Authority
- Green Youth Alliance, Belmont
- Collective Roots, East Palo Alto
- Hunger Action LA
- Women Organizing Resources Knowledge and Services, Los Angeles
- Community Health Councils, Los Angeles
- Cynthia Hubach, Property Owner, Los Angeles
- The Ron Finley Project, Los Angeles
- Venice Victory Garden, Venice
- The Social Justice Learning Institute, Inglewood
- Victory Garden San Diego
- Ocean Beach People's Organic Food Market, San Diego
- California School Employees Association
- Slow Food California
- Café Gratitude