

April 1, 2014

The Honorable Kevin Mullin  
California State Assembly  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**RE: AB 2170 Joint Powers Authorities: Common Powers – SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Mullin:

On behalf of SPUR, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 2170. SPUR is a member-supported nonprofit organization that promotes good planning and good government in the Bay Area through research, education and advocacy.

AB 2170 is declaratory of existing law and makes clear that Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) may exercise any power common to the contracting parties, including but not limited to the authority to levy a fee or tax. This clarification of existing authority is critical to ensure that JPAs may increase revenue for important community projects while remaining subject to all voter approval requirements provided under Proposition 218.

Thank you for authoring this bill and for your ongoing efforts to ensure that we create and sustain a high quality of life for all residents of the San Francisco Bay Area.

Sincerely,



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