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Dear «First_Name»«Last_Name»«Job_Title» (Senator or Assembly Member Name):

We are writing to respectfully request the State of California leave redevelopment funding in California's cities and counties intact and let the program continue to function successfully as it has been for decades.

The portrayal of redevelopment as a waste of tax payer dollars in our City and community is misleading and wrong. To the contrary, redevelopment dollars have been used to interject dollars into our community and provide services that otherwise would not be there and are desperately needed in this economy.

Working for the Redevelopment Agency for the City of La Quinta has enabled companies to hire construction workers and crews to keep companies alive. School facilities and affordable housing in particular, that benefit our school-aged children and all residents of the City, would not have been funded without redevelopment funds. Very few cities or counties would be able to build and employ persons without redevelopment funds.

We the citizens have benefited from the library, affordable housing, schools, day care centers, soccer fields, street improvements, bike trails and sports complexes, etc., that have been built that are a tremendous benefit for the communities they serve. These projects are a haven for after school care and offer a safe environment for our children. Shifting redevelopment funds away from the county or city will destroy the job market and the creation of local jobs in the construction trade and supply lines.

We respectfully request the State get its fiscal house in order without taking even more funds away from the counties and cities here in California. We appreciate your effort to balance the State budget but oppose the efforts by your administration to eliminate a program that serves our low- and moderate-income families and creates jobs in our communities, and helps our k-12 schools.

Sincerely,

cc: «First_Name»«Last_Name» «Title» (State Senator Name)
«First_Name»«Last_Name»«Title» (Assembly Member Name)