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(for cities with Redevelopment Agencies and Enterprise Zones)

**DATE**

The Honorable Jerry Brown  
Governor, State of California  
State Capitol, Suite 1173  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

**I/WE** write today on behalf of the City of **INSERT CITY** to express concern regarding your January Budget Proposal. Specifically, the City of **INSERT CITY** has concerns regarding the proposals to eliminate Redevelopment Agencies and Enterprise Zones in California. Eliminating these programs will have grave consequences on California's economy.

Our city has both a Redevelopment Agency and Enterprise Zone. **(INSERT INFORMATION ON PROJECTS/PROGRAMS AND IMPACT ON YOUR CITY/COMMUNITY)**

From a policy standpoint, the elimination of these important programs makes no sense. Redevelopment and enterprise zones fundamentally boost the economy, and are essential tools in the state's economic recovery. Redevelopment builds and improves communities, spurs job growth and taxes and is the most significant provider of infrastructure, urban development and affordable housing in the state. Enterprise zones are one of the few economic development tools that local agencies have to bring jobs to depressed areas.

Ultimately, California's budget crisis will be solved by strengthening California's economy and creating jobs. We pride ourselves on the good partnerships we have built with businesses in our city, as should the state. Now is not the time to abandon these partnerships and the resulting infrastructure creation. We strongly encourage you to consider the constitutional and economic implications of enacting the budget you have proposed.

We look forward to working with you to find solutions that will address the state's fiscal problems while also supporting tools for economic growth.

Sincerely,

CC: (YOUR) State Legislators  
Dan Carrigg, Legislative Director, League of California Cities