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June 16, 2017

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Support SB 680 (Wieckowski) Transit Oriented Development for BART

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

The San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, representing over 2,500 local businesses with over 200,000 employees, supports your bill SB 680, which extends the allowable distance for BART to engage in transit-oriented development (TOD) from one-quarter to one-half mile.

SB 680 will help to achieve California's targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions set forth in SB 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008). Increasing TOD opportunities around BART stations will reduce long commutes, use of fossil fuels, carbon dioxide emissions, and dependence on the use of private automobiles. BART estimates that expanding the allowable distance for TOD to one-half mile will help develop 20,000 housing units by 2040, 7,000 of which will be developed as affordable housing, potentially reducing Bay Area greenhouse gas emissions by 680,000 pounds per day.

For these reasons and more, the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support SB 680.

Sincerely,

Jim Lazarus
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San Francisco Chamber of Commerce