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March 20, 2012

The Honorable Norma Torres
Assembly Committee on Local Government
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **AB 1600** (Torres) – As Amended March 12, 2012- **SUPPORT**

Dear Assemblymember Torres:

The County of San Bernardino is pleased to support AB 1600. This legislation would authorize the Metro Gold Line Foothill Extension Construction Authority (Authority) to facilitate the expansion of light-rail service to the City of Montclair.

As you are aware, under the Authority, Phase I of the Los Angeles to Pasadena light-rail project was completed in less than three years, on time and under budget. The Authority is currently working on Phase II, which would extend the light-rail project from Pasadena to Azusa. AB 1600 would authorize the light-rail project to extend to the City of Montclair, thereby increasing passenger rail capacity, reducing congestion and improving air quality.

For these reasons, the County of San Bernardino supports Assembly Bill 1600. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, Deputy Legislative Director, at (909) 387-4280. The County of San Bernardino thanks you for your attention in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josie Gonzales", with a stylized flourish at the end.

JOSIE GONZALES, Chair
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