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Re: Support for Assembly Bill 930 (Friedman) – Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) Districts

Dear Esteemed Representatives:

On behalf of Humboldt County, I am writing to express our strong support for Assembly Bill 930 (AB 930), introduced by Assembly Member Laura Friedman. This legislation is pivotal for fostering collaboration between cities and counties, particularly in rural areas like ours, to address local housing needs and infrastructure challenges.

As a rural community, Humboldt County faces unique obstacles in providing adequate housing and infrastructure. AB 930 offers a promising mechanism for cities and counties to work together, leveraging shared financial and funding structures to achieve sustainable and equitable development. By enabling the formation of Reinvestment in Infrastructure for a Sustainable and Equitable California (RISE) districts, this bill facilitates regional cooperation, which is essential for addressing our collective housing needs and infrastructure improvements.

The ability to pool resources and expertise through RISE districts will significantly enhance our capacity to develop location-efficient areas with access to transit, create affordable housing, and implement infrastructure projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled. This collaborative approach is crucial for building resilient communities that meet the evolving needs of our residents while protecting our environment.

We commend Assembly Member Friedman for her leadership on this critical issue and urge the Legislature to support AB 930. This bill provides a valuable tool for rural and urban communities alike to work together in addressing their infrastructure and housing challenges.
Thank you for your consideration.
Sincerely,

Rex Bohn, Chair

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

cc: California State Association of Counties
Rural County Representatives of California
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