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The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: Request for Veto, SB 63 (Weiner and Arreguin) San Francisco Bay Area: local revenue measure: transportation funding (As Amended September 4, 2025).**

Dear Governor Newsom,

On behalf of the City of Cupertino, I write to respectfully request you veto SB 63 by Senators Weiner and Arreguin.

SB 63 proposes to create the legal framework necessary to allow a Bay Area regional sales tax measure up to .5% for 14 years to be placed on the November 3, 2026 ballot to fund transit operations.

While the City is committed to preserving viable transit opportunities throughout the region, as amended on September 4, this legislation no longer contains the opt-in provisions for the counties and now seeks to place an inequitable tax burden on our residents without ensuring any tangible benefit to the City of Cupertino or our residents.

The City of Cupertino opposes legislation that undermines local control and diverts our residents' tax dollars. This bill provides less autonomy for local decision making and would have negligible benefits to our community.

Given these reasons, the City opposes SB 63 and urges your veto.

Sincerely,

*Liang Chao*

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Mayor

City of Cupertino

cc.     The Honorable Josh Becker  
         The Honorable Patrick Ahrens  
         Senate Housing Committee

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