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Assembly Member Susan Talamantes Eggman

Chair, Assembly Agriculture Committee

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**Assembly Bill 551 (Ting) - Support**

Dear Assembly Member Eggman:

I am writing in support of Assembly Bill 551, the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Act.

I am the owner of a parcel of undeveloped land in ***(neighborhood and city)****.* I currently lease my ***(size of property)*** acre property, ***(address of property)****,* to ***(name of farm on property)****.* I would like the property to continue to flourish as an urban farm. Unfortunately the high tax rate increases the pressure that I have ***(to sell/ develop the parcel/lease to other type of business)***

*[Or….* I own a parcel of undeveloped land in ***(neighborhood and city)****.*  I would be very interested having a productive urban farm on my property if I were able to receive a reduced property tax rate during the time that the land was put to agricultural use. ]

**[a sentence or two about your particular property and plans for it]**

Urban agriculture provides many benefits to city residents such as: education about fresh, healthy food and the effort it takes to produce it; environmental benefits for the city; community-building; vibrant green spaces and recreation; and a source of economic development, including increased neighboring home values. As a property owner I look forward to applying for a tax rate which would financially support and facilitate rental agreements with urban farmers.

I respectfully request your AYE vote for Assembly Bill 551.

Sincerely,

[signature]

CC:

Assembly Agriculture Committee

Assembly Member Philip Ting

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