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The Honorable Betty Yee Chair, California State Lands Commission 100 Howe Avenue, Suite 100 South Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: ITEM 108 - Consider sponsoring state legislation to grant interest to the City of Sacramento title to land associated with the Sacramento Downtown Railyards title settlement and land exchange agreement, and that would repeal previous grants made to the City of Sacramento

Dear Chairwoman Yee.

On behalf of the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento (City), I write to express our support of item number 108 on the California State Lands Commission (SLC) agenda for April 19, 2018.

In 2011, the City transferred title to Sand Cove Park to the SLC to address removal of the public trust claim from the Railyards property. The Title Settlement Agreement provides that the SLC will seek legislation to allow for transfer of title back to the City after the Railyards owner conveys to State Parks title to the Central Shops building that State Parks leased as well as the right to acquire a second building for their planned Rail Technology Museum. The Railyards property transfer agreement between new Railyards owner DRV and State Parks was signed earlier this year, allowing SLC to proceed to give the City back title to the Sand Cove Parcels.

The Sand Cove Parcels provide access from an adjacent rural road and surrounding communities to the Sacramento River. The 11-acre site contain significant value for historic, cultural, and natural resource preservation. Trails and other limited improvements, which exist or are planned by the City for the Sand Cove Parcels, should attract visitors to this waterfront site.

The City appreciates the SLC's efforts thus far to grant interest of the Sand Cove Parcels to the City. We respectfully request that you take the next step and approve sponsoring state legislation to accomplish this.

Sincerely,

Jay Schenirer, Council Member Chair, Law and Legislation Committee