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The Honorable Bill Monning
California State Capitol, Room 313
Sacramento, CA 95814
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RE: SB 300 (Monning) Sugar-sweetened beverages: health warnings (as introduced February 13, 2017)
Notice of Support

Dear Senator Monning:

The City of Albany takes the health and welfare of our citizens, especially our children, very seriously. To that end the voters approved a tax on sugar-sweetened beverages in November, 2016, and the City Council is pleased to support SB 300, establishing the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Health Warning Act. This legislation prohibits a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a sugar-sweetened beverage in a sealed beverage container, or a multipack of sugar-sweetened beverages, in this state unless the beverage container or multipack bears a health warning.

It is now projected that one-third of the children born in this decade will develop type 2 diabetes in their lifetime and that our current generation of youth will have a shorter life span than their parents if we are not able to reduce the current rates of obesity in the United States. Health experts globally have advocated for efforts to drastically reduce sugar-sweetened beverage consumption in order to curb the epidemics of obesity and type 2 diabetes.

Tooth decay is the most common chronic illness of childhood, resulting in much pain and suffering and is a major cause of absence from school. Consumption of sugar-sweetened beverages is a major cause of tooth decay.

Understanding the need to expand public awareness of the danger of sugar-sweetened beverages for our community members, the City of Albany **Supports** SB 300 (Monning).

Sincerely,



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