



California Association for Local Economic Development

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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly
State Capitol Building, Room 4140
Sacramento, CA 94249

RE: Support - Assembly Bill 1248

Dear Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia:

I am writing on behalf of the California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) to express our support for Assembly Bill 1248 (AB 1248), Targeted Revitalization Incentive Program. This is important legislation that supports California communities' economic development efforts by investing in manufacturing, a key sector that drives the California economy.

Economic development is the creation of wealth from which community benefits are realized. It is more than a jobs program, it's an investment in growing your economy and enhancing the prosperity and quality of life for all residents.

AB 1248 supports economic development by giving local governments a tool to encourage investment that will grow their economy in a way that provides direct community support. AB 1248 accomplishes this by incentivizing the redevelopment and rehabilitation of abandoned or distressed facilities in their communities, attracting investment from small and mid-size manufacturers.

Specifically, this bill would allow a city or county to offer a partial property tax rebate for qualified manufacturing facilities located in their jurisdiction that invest in excess of \$5 million or more in exchange for the manufacturer entering into an agreement requiring that the manufacturer spend a portion of the rebated money to fund local community programs and projects.

Manufacturing is a priority for the state of California. When California invests in opportunities that create value for small and mid-size manufacturers as well as local governments, the economy of the state improves and we see increased opportunities for California residents. Combined, these efforts result in an improved quality of life for Californians.

With over 750 members practicing economic development in California, CALED is the voice for the profession, and we are invested in keeping California competitive nationally and globally. We urge you to support AB 1248.

Sincerely,

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President & CEO

The California Association for Local Economic Development (CALED) is the premier statewide professional economic development organization dedicated to advancing its members' ability to achieve excellence in delivering economic development services to their communities and business clients.