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Governor Edmund G. Brown, Jr.  
State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: **Request to Sign SB 436 (Kehoe) – Mitigation Lands**

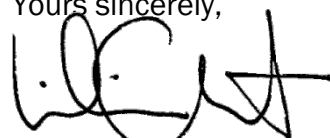
Dear Governor Brown:

The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions respectfully requests that you sign Senate Bill 436 (Kehoe) which is now before you for action. Among other things, this legislation would allow a local agency to provide funds to a non-profit to acquire and manage lands that satisfy an agency's mitigation obligations.

Since 1963 Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCo) have worked within each county to meet its legislative mandate of balancing growth and development with discouraging sprawl and protecting California's important agricultural and open space lands. A number of LAFCos have adopted policies which require mitigation for open space or agricultural lands that are to be annexed to a city or special district. This legislation would provide LAFCos and local agencies with an additional tool to reduce sprawl and protect agricultural and open space lands.

Because SB 436 provides an important instrument for LAFCos and local agencies, and enhances LAFCo ability to meet our legislative mandate to preserve open space and agricultural lands, we respectfully urge you to sign SB 436.

Yours sincerely,



William Chiat,  
Executive Director

c: Senator Christine Kehoe