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The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes
Request for Signature from the Mayor of Fremont**

Dear Governor Newsom:

I want to thank you and your Administration for all of your hard work and leadership as it relates to Assembly Bill 723 (Quirk) and respectfully request your signature on this very important piece of legislation.

AB 723 will provide the City of Fremont the needed flexibility and option to obtain additional revenue and local funding that will retain police officers and fire fighters, repair infrastructure and address traffic, help our homeless encampments and provide support to small businesses. These services are essential to our City's success and continued ability to best serve our constituents.

Without new revenue sources, we cannot provide the services our residents and businesses expect, demand and deserve. Fortunately, AB 723 will allow the City of Fremont to propose a transaction and use tax (TUT) for general or special purposes outside the 2% cap. AB 723 will give Fremont voters the ability to decide whether they want to increase taxes to fund city services.

For these reasons, I support AB 723 and respectfully request you sign this bill. Again, I greatly appreciate the help and leadership from your Administration as we worked closely together on the updated language. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lily Mei".

Lily Mei

Mayor, City of Fremont

