High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

December 20, 2018

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December 17, 2018

The Honorable Panorea Avdis Chair, California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank 1325 J Street, Suite 1300 Sacramento. CA 95814

RE: Resolution 18-20

Dear Chair Avids:

The High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority (HDCJPA) is pleased to support DesertXpress Enterprise, LLC's request to adopt a reimbursement resolution to facilitate the reimbursement of capital expenditures for an intercity rail system with the proceeds of future California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank issued conduit revenue bonds.

In the interest of economic development, jobs, reduced air pollution and improved interstate mobility, the HDCJPA has supported and collaborated on planning with the DesertXpress project since May of 2010. The Victorville DesertXpress station is the HDCJPA project's eastern terminus, and will serve to extend rail service to the Palmdale Transportation Center, creating a regional and interstate rail network. The High Desert Corridor and DesertXpress will ultimately connect to the California High Speed Rail Project, providing efficient and environmentally beneficial access to other regions of California.

For the above reasons, the HDCJPA is pleased to support DesertXpress' request. If you have any questions regarding the HDCJPA's position, please do not hesitate to contact Josh Candelaria, HDCJPA staff coordinator, at 909 387-4821 or jcandelaria@sbcounty.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Lovingood

Chairman, High Desert Corridor Joint Powers Authority

cc: Members, California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank

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