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Dear Mr. Martin,

The Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) and its four California chapters (see below) support the continued operation and funding of California's Geodetic Control System.

URISA, in its more than fifty years as a leading organization in the use of geographic information and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), has seen the technological advances that have made the capture, analysis and display of highly accurate locational information become much more common and increasingly less expensive. Along the way, the requirements for highly precise and timely spatial coordinates have increased. The ability to quickly attain precise measurements that are accurate in all three dimensions at a reasonable cost is now becoming the norm in both government and private organizations.

URISA encourages all states to support real-time geodetic control networks that expand on the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Continuing Operating Reference Stations (CORS) system maintained by the National Geodetic Survey.





The California Geodetic Control System is a critical infrastructure, valuable to the nation as well as to the State of California, which is necessary for mapping and for monitoring earthquakes. It needs to be preserved and maintained at a highly functional level to remain effective.

URISA joins other professional geospatial, survey, and engineering organizations in endorsing the recommendations outlined in the report entitled, "Maintaining California's Geodetic Control System - Strategic Assessment," written by the Geodetic Control Work Group of the California Geographic Information Council.

Sincerely,



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