



June 13, 2018

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**RE: SB 347 (Jackson) – State Remote Piloted Aircraft Act
Notice of Support, as amended June 21, 2017**

Dear Assembly member Chau:

Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC) supports SB 347. This measure will allow drone technology to thrive in California while codifying a small number of reasonable provisions to ensure protection of public safety. It will prohibit the installation of weapons on an unmanned aircraft system (UAS), or drone, as well as the operation of a drone in a careless or reckless manner endangering the life or property of another. It would also codify in state law a provision expressly requiring operator compliance with the licensing, registration and marking requirements established by the Federal Aviation Administration.

Senate Bill 347 may well pave an integrated regulatory framework in which federal, state and local governments work in harmony to regulate aspects of drone-related commerce, services, and movement of goods while securing public safety in the context of this new technology.

Most importantly for the cities of Marin County, we appreciate that this measure acknowledges the role of local government regulation – as do pronouncements and published documents originating from the Federal Aviation Administration itself. As long as there will continue to be a role for local government regulation of UAS in a fashion consistent with local priorities, MCCMC supports SB 347.

Respectfully,

Alice Fredericks, Chair
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