



# CITY OF STOCKTON

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### **CITY OF STOCKTON ELGIBILITY & COMMITMENT AS LEAD MEMBER FOR FY18 U.S. EPA BROWNFIELDS ASSESSMENT COALITION GRANT APPLICATION**

The City of Stockton is committed to serving as the lead coalition member for the referenced grant. The City is eligible to apply for an assessment grant as a "local government" as defined and stated under 2 CFR 200.64. The City proposes to apply as an Assessment Coalition with the Successor Agency to the Former Redevelopment Agency of the City of Stockton (the "Successor Agency"), and San Joaquin Council of Governments ("SJCOG"), serving as supporting coalition members. This partnership will promote a shared vision of attracting infill development and building on past redevelopment success stories and existing infrastructure improvements by using vacant land or rehabilitating existing properties to create a bustling waterfront and downtown area with a thriving economy.

Based on a legal analysis performed by the City Attorney, the Successor Agency is a separate legal entity eligible to serve as a supporting coalition member. Specifically, California Health and Safety Code section 34173(g) explicitly states that a successor agency is a separate public entity from the public agency that provides for its governance. Any belief that the Successor Agency is a department within the City of Stockton based on the City's website should be dismissed as the legal entity status of the agency is affirmed in the attached memorandum that provides a legal analysis by the City Attorney (Attachment A - City Attorney Memorandum). The listing of the agency on the City's website is an oversight as it is a separate legal entity.

As evidenced from the letters of support received from various community organizations and leaders that have been a made a part of this application, the City of Stockton as the potential grant recipient will continue to ensure community engagement and partnerships to meet the needs of the community within the Stockton Waterfront and Western Downtown Core, and those of the Successor Agency and SJCOG in the implementation of a Brownfields Assessment Program under this grant opportunity.

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