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Mayor Acquanetta Warren and the City Council Thank Assembly Member Cheryl R. Brown for addressing the property tax disparities throughout California.

Fontana, California, February 28, 2013. The Mayor and City Council want to publicly thank Assembly Member Brown for recognizing the need for property tax equalization.

In 2012, cities all over California felt a detrimental impact from the loss of Redevelopment. Governor Brown's intention for eliminating Redevelopment was to "send the property tax increment back to the locals" although well intentioned; the majority of cities receive pennies on the dollar after AB8.

Assembly Member Brown understands the time has come to challenge why some cities receive 40+ percent share of the property tax and others receive less than 3%, and has authored a bill (AB 741) to address the inequitable distribution. The City of Fontana's current property tax share is 2.6 cents for every property tax dollar paid by the residents.

AB 741 as currently drafted, seeks to provide the following minimum levels of property tax revenue: 9% share in year one, 12% year two, and 15% in year three and each year thereafter.

"We understand this may be an uphill battle, but many times when trying to fight for what is right, it is not the easiest road traveled. As elected officials it is our job to fight the fight for the best interests of the constituents of our communities. Many times you have to stand up for what is right, not what is most popular. Thank you to Assembly Member Brown for her willingness to stand up for what she knows is unfair to the 200+ cities who receive less than 10 cents on the dollar." Stated Mayor Acquanetta Warren.

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