To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 1156 without my signature.

This bill would allow local governments to establish a Sustainable Communities Investment Authority to finance activities within a specified area. The planning and investment that is envisioned by this bill would help to develop and redevelop a California that is sustainable and thriving.

I prefer to take a constructive look at implementing this type of program once the winding down of redevelopment is complete and General Fund savings are achieved. At that time, we will be in a much better position to consider new investment authority. I am committed to working with the Legislature and interested parties on the important task of revitalizing our communities.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Edmund G. Brown Jr.