

The Honorable Maria Elena Durazo
Chair, Senate Local Government Committee
State Capitol, Room 407
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 940 (Wicks) – Quantum Innovation Zones– SUPPORT

Dear Chair Durazo,

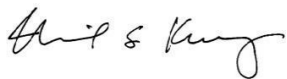
Omidyar Network, a California based philanthropic and investment organization committed to elevating humanity's interests and role in how technology is governed and held accountable, supports AB 940, which would authorize the establishment of Quantum Innovation Zones. Our philanthropic and investment efforts have continued for more than two decades and stem from our founder's work at two great California companies, PayPal and eBay. We envision a world where our shared humanity steers our digital future. So far, we have committed more than \$1.94 billion to initiatives that share our vision.

Omidyar Network invests in and collaborates with some of the world's brightest visionaries and ventures to guide our digital future toward the greatest good for the greatest number of people. With California as a leader in quantum computing technology, this measure helps support the strategic development of areas of the state that bring together stakeholders to further the development and use of this important technology. The development of Quantum Innovation Zones will bring together our world class educational institutions, local governments, technology companies and other thought partners to help unleash the opportunity that quantum computing provides.

A critical element of innovation is having a skilled workforce who can help develop and use that technology to the benefit of California and the world. The development of these Zones will bring together the right leaders to oversee and further develop economic vitality in a manner that benefits all community members.

We are excited at the opportunity that the development of Quantum Innovation Zones presents. **For these reasons, we respectfully request your support for this important measure.**

Sincerely,



Mike Kubzansky
CEO, Omidyar Network

cc: Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
Members, Senate Local Government Committee