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March 16, 2023

Jason Gibbs
Mayor

The Honorable Rosilicie Ochoa Bogh
California State Senate, District 21
1021 O Street, Room 7220
Sacramento, CA 95814

Cameron Smyth
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Ochoa Bogh:

SUBJECT: SB 13 (Ochoa Bogh): SUPPORT

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Senate Bill 13, relating to the sale or distribution of a controlled substance. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on March 14, 2023.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

The opioid epidemic has become a nationwide issue, affecting communities across the state and country, including the City of Santa Clarita (City). Moreover, the growing prevalence of fentanyl has only exacerbated the opioid epidemic and the danger it poses across our communities, especially our youth.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

As you are aware, it was reported through preliminary 2021 data from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that there were 6,843 opioid-related overdose deaths in California; 5,722 or nearly 84 percent of these deaths were caused by fentanyl. Moreover, in 2021, there were 224 fentanyl-related overdose deaths among teens, ages 15–19 years old, in California.

In 2022, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported 32 overdoses in the Santa Clarita Valley as a result of fentanyl. This critical piece of legislation brings awareness to the dangers of fentanyl and holds those distributing the drug accountable to the full extent of the law.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 13. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position



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Sincerely,



Jason Gibbs

Mayor

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