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June 22, 2017

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The Honorable Marc Steinorth
California State Assembly, District 40
State Capitol Building, Room 5128
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 190 (Steinorth): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Steinorth:

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes AB 190, which requires a local agency's planning department to approve or disapprove the design of a development project within 30 days.

On June 13, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 190. This bill, as amended on March 27, 2017, places substantial burdens on local agencies by requiring a local agency's planning department to process the design of a development project within a short period of time and has significant impacts on local governance.

Existing law requires that a local agency's planning department approve or disapprove the design of a development project within 120 days from the date an application has been determined to be complete. This bill would require the City's Planning Department to approve or disapprove the design of a development project within 30 days from the date a completed application is submitted for review.

The City's Planning Department has two review processes included in the City's Unified Development Code. If Assembly Bill 190 were to pass, the City Planning Department would be required to complete an Architectural Design Review or a Development Review within 30 days from the date a completed development project application is submitted for review.

Typically, the City of Santa Clarita's Planning Department approves or disapproves a design review within the timeframe proposed in this bill; however, there are instances where a development project may require a longer timeframe



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for the design review phase. Depending on the number of applications submitted for review and the size of the development project, some design reviews may take more than the proposed 30 day timeframe included in this bill. However, if Assembly Bill 190 were to pass, local authority regarding the design of a development project would be preempted by state law if the design review exceeds 30 days.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes AB 190. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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