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August 30, 2017

Cameron Smyth

Mayor

The Honorable Nancy Skinner California State Senate, District 9 State Capitol Building, Room 2059 Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 167 (SKINNER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Skinner:

Bob Kellar Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes SB 167, which imposes a minimum fine of \$10,000 per housing unit on cities that are found to have violated the Housing Accountability Act.

Marsha McLean Councilmember

Bill Miranda Councilmember On August 22, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 167. This bill requires a court to consider a city's process in attaining its target allocation of the regional housing need in determining the amount of fine to impose on a city. We believe that the regional housing need is a planning tool for cities and was never intended to be used as a production goal or target.

For this reason, the City of Santa Clarita opposes SB 167. 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 <a href="mmurphy@santa-clarita.com">mmurphy@santa-clarita.com</a>.

Sincerely,

Cameron Smyth

Mayor

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