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Mayor

The Honorable Scott Wiener

California State Senate, District 11 State Capitol Building, Room 5100

Sacramento, CA 95814

Marsha McLean Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 827 (WIENER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wiener:

Bob Kellar Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes SB 827 related to residential developments.

Bill Miranda Councilmember On March 27, 2018, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 827. This bill restricts local authority regarding density, height, parking, and design standards related to specific residential developments near a transit stop or transit corridor.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita currently has in place, policies and procedures related to design standards and residential development standards on parking, height, and open space of multifamily residential development. This current process provides the City's Planning Department and the City's Planning Commission the ability to review multifamily residential developments based on unique local circumstances. SB 827 pre-empts the ability for the City of Santa Clarita to implement standards in the City's Unified Development Code, which apply to developments built within the prescribed distance of the five identified major transit stops and three high-quality transit corridors in the City.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes SB 827. 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.

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Sincerely,

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