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June 17, 2019

Marsha McLean  
Mayor

The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
California State Assembly, District 7  
P.O. Box 942849  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 1568 (McCARTY): OPPOSE

Bob Kellar  
Councilmember

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

On May 28, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 1568, related to the restriction of state grant funds for cities and counties violating the state housing law.

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita (City) is in compliance with the state housing law and has adopted a certified housing element; however, there are significant concerns with this bill and its impact on the preemption of state grant funding.

The current statute related to local violations of the state housing law does not include due process and therefore, the provisions included in this bill may lead to unfair punitive damages. The existing lack of due process and the range of state grant funding passed through to counties and cities makes this bill too great of a risk.

While we appreciate your goal to ensure local agencies are compliant with the state housing law and have adopted a certified housing element, AB 1568 appears to be a punitive measure that risks significant state funding.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes Assembly Bill 1568. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position on this bill, please feel free to contact



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Sincerely,



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Mayor

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