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June 18, 2019

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The Honorable Bob Wieckowski
California State Senate, District 10
State Capitol, Room 4085
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 13 (WIECKOWSKI): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

The Santa Clarita City Council respectfully opposes SB13, related to accessory dwelling units (ADU).

On June 11, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 13. The City of Santa Clarita (City) has existing ordinances regulating the issuance of ADU permits that takes into account community factors that are unique to our neighborhoods and maintains the quality of life for our residents. It is critical for the City to retain local land use authority and ensure that the City continues to have the capability to consider unique factors when reviewing residential development plans, including ADU proposals.

Furthermore, the bill's proposal to prohibit local agencies from requiring owner-occupancy of the primary residence as a condition for issuance of an ADU permit, incentivizes commercial enterprises within residential communities. The preemption of any owner-occupancy requirements diminishes the oversight and accountability of property maintenance and threatens the residential character of our community.

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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