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June 17, 2019

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The Honorable Phil Ting
California State Assembly, District 19
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 1356 (TING): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

The Santa Clarita City Council respectfully opposes AB 1356, as introduced, related to retail commercial cannabis activity.

On May 28, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 1356. From our perspective, this bill fundamentally erodes the local regulatory authority of cities and counties, which is explicitly provided in Proposition 64 (2016) and the Medicinal and Adult-Use Cannabis Regulation and Safety Act (MAUCRSA). In seeking to remove a local government's ability to either approve retail cannabis activity at a different concentration level or prohibit them within its jurisdiction, this bill completely subverts the intent of the voters who approved Proposition 64 (2016).

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has the tools, knowledge, and policies in place to continue to develop a strong economic environment that is reflective of the community's needs and desires. It is critical for the City to maintain local land use authority and ensure that we continue to have the capability to consider unique factors when reviewing retail development proposals.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes Assembly Bill 1356. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the



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Santa Clarita City Council's position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marsha McLean".

Marsha McLean
Mayor

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