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June 11, 2019

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The Honorable Eduardo Garcia
California State Assembly, District 56
P.O. Box 942849
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Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 377 (GARCIA): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Garcia:

I regret to inform you that on May 28, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 377, which preempts local land use authority related to microenterprise home kitchen operations.

The City of Santa Clarita (City) contracts with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health for permitting requirements and other health services related to food facilities. As currently drafted, this bill would designate Los Angeles County Department of Public Health with the permitting authority of microenterprise home kitchen operations within the City's jurisdiction.

Although the City uses county services for the permitting of food facilities, this bill's preemption of local zoning would expose communities to commercial enterprises permitted within residential zones. Specifically, this bill could adversely impact sanitation, traffic congestion, parking, excessive noise, and building and fire code issues within our residential zones.

The City currently has a robust process to review and develop specific zones that incorporates input from the public, City Council, commissions, and staff. This successful and local zoning process provides the City Council the ability to consider the unique community needs and maintain the City's community characteristics. However, if this bill were to be enacted into law, the City would no longer have the regulative authority regarding the permitting of microenterprise home kitchen operations within our residential communities.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes Assembly Bill 377. 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 Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Marsha McLean

Mayor

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