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July 17, 2019

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The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly, District 17
P.O. Box 942849
Sacramento, CA 94249

SUBJECT: AB 516 (CHIU): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member Chiu:

The Santa Clarita City Council respectfully opposes AB 516, related to the preemption of local enforcement of specific local parking and traffic laws.

On July 9, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose AB 516. The City of Santa Clarita (City) currently has in place parking time restrictions throughout the City. As a key element in the City's efforts to protect the public right-of-way and secure accessibility to various facets, the City enforces time restricted parking through the issuance of parking warnings, parking citations, and, in some cases, the removal of the vehicle.

The bill's proposal to restrict cities from removing a vehicle when someone has five or more unpaid parking tickets and has ignored the payment plans offered to them by the City, as established by state law, jeopardizes the City's ability to preserve access of the public right-of-way.

Protection of the public right-of-way allows for residents to access residential neighborhoods, government services, local businesses, and City attractions. It is critical for cities to maintain local authority to enforce local parking laws and ensure that we continue to have the capability to consider unique factors when reviewing accessibility within our communities.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes Assembly Bill 516.



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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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