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July 22, 2019

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The Honorable Nancy Skinner  
California State Senate, District 9  
State Capitol Building, Room 5094  
Sacramento, CA 95814

SUBJECT: SB 330 (SKINNER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Skinner:

The Santa Clarita City Council respectfully opposes SB 330, related to the preemption of local authority on specific residential developments.

On July 9, 2019, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 330. While we appreciate your goal to create new housing throughout California, SB 330 jeopardizes significant local land use and zoning authority. In our view, provisions which provide incentives leading to the construction of housing while preserving local land use authority will better facilitate meeting the challenges facing California.

Additionally, the bill's preemption of local review and application processes related to specific residential developments restricts a city's authority to apply updated standards to a project that may reflect a better use of land and architectural design.

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has experienced a significant amount of growth in the last 30 years, more than doubling in population to approximately 225,512 residents. With such rapid growth, the City has worked to ensure that residential development planning and standards recognize the unique community needs, topography and geography of Santa Clarita.

✓ Currently, there are approximately 10,452 units that are in some phase of the housing development and construction process in Santa Clarita. This



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accounts for a 13 percent increase in housing units in the City, with approximately 64 percent of future units as multi-family units. Additionally, of the total future units, approximately 1,400 units or 13 percent are located near a major transit stop or high-quality transit corridor.

✓ The City of Santa Clarita has the tools, knowledge and policies in place to continue to plan and develop innovative residential units that enhance the quality of life for our community. It is critical for the City of Santa Clarita to maintain local land use authority and ensure that the City continues to have the capability to consider unique factors when reviewing residential development proposals.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes Senate Bill 330. 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](mailto:mmurphy@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



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Mayor

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