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May 4, 2020

Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

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

Bill Miranda  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 953 (TING): OPPOSE

Bob Kellar  
Councilmember

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to AB 953, related to accessory dwelling units (ADU). At the regular meeting on April 28, 2020, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure, as amended on January 6, 2020.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

The City recognizes the importance of land use planning and development of housing to meet the growth and needs of the community. Since the State Accessory Dwelling Unit law (ADU) took effect on January 1, 2017, the City of Santa Clarita has issued approximately 107 ADU permits.

Laurene Weste  
Councilmember

The 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 housing development planning and standards, including policies related to ADUs, recognize the unique community needs, topography and geography of Santa Clarita.

The City 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 to maintain local land use authority and ensure that the City continues to have the capability to consider unique factors when reviewing housing development plans, including ADU proposals.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes AB 953 as it is currently drafted. We look forward to working with you to address our concerns. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa



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Clarita City Council's position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Analyst Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or [mhagobian@santa-clarita.com](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth  
Mayor

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