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May 4, 2020

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

SUBJECT: SB 773 (SKINNER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Skinner:

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to SB 773, 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.

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.

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.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes SB 773 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 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.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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