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February 26, 2021

Bill Miranda
Mayor

The Honorable Anna Caballero
California State Senate, District 12
State Capitol Building, Room 5052
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Caballero:

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 6 (CABALLERO): OPPOSE

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

The Santa Clarita City Council respectfully opposes Senate Bill 6, related to local land use authority, unless the bill is amended to remove the streamlined ministerial provision. At the regular meeting on February 23, 2021, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to adopt this position.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita (City) recognizes the importance of land use planning to meet the growth and needs of the community. While we appreciate your goal to expand housing, Senate Bill 6 preempts significant local land use and zoning authority. Specifically, the bill's streamlined ministerial provision precludes projects from being subject to an appeals process, public hearing, and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review.

Cameron Smyth
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 diligently to ensure that residential development planning and standards recognize the unique community needs, topography, and geography of Santa Clarita.

The City currently has policies and standards in place regarding proposed residential developments related to parking, design standards, zoning, and overall application review. Typically, large housing development projects undergo an extensive review process including public hearings, administrative review, and an opportunity for appeal. This allows the City's Planning Division, Planning Commission, and the public the ability to review residential projects based on unique community circumstances and needs,



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and ensures that a site has adequate access to services and resources to sustain residential use and density.

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 and zoning 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 opposes Senate Bill 6, unless amended to remove the streamlined ministerial provision. 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,



William A. Miranda
Mayor

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