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May 25, 2021

Bill Miranda
Mayor

The Honorable Al Muratsuchi
California State Assembly, District 66
State Capitol Building, Room 2148
Sacramento, CA 94249

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 1251 (MURATSUCHI): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

Dear Assembly Member Muratsuchi:

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am pleased to express our support for Assembly Bill 1251, relating to the Los Angeles County Public Health Order. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure at the regular meeting on May 11, 2021.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

As you know, the County of Los Angeles (County) is the largest County in the State and Country at over 10 million people. Requiring the County's Public Health Order to be based on Service Planning Area (SPA) data will refine health orders throughout the County to develop more relevant public health and clinical services that are targeted and reflective of specific community needs, as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

We are proud of the efforts and exceptional partnership with our medical service providers in serving and protecting our residents; however, it is not without cost. The economic impact to this region has been and will continue to be devastating, yet the rate of infection remains relatively low.

The local economy in our region relies heavily on entertainment, film, aerospace production, retail, and food service - sectors that have all experienced significant disruptions in their operations and services under the public health orders. An individualized re-opening plan, incorporating local data and input from each SPA, will allow for tailored public health guidelines that better reflect the significantly lower rates of COVID-19 cases, sustainable resources, and hospital capacity in specific parts of the region, including the Santa Clarita Valley.

We sincerely appreciate and support Assembly Bill 1251, as this important legislation strengthens local efforts to responsibly initiate the economic recovery process, while maintaining targeted public health measures to combat the spread of COVID-19.



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For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita firmly supports Assembly Bill 1251. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our 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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