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July 20, 2021

Bill Miranda  
Mayor

The Honorable Sydney Kamlager  
California State Senate, District 30  
State Capitol Building, Room 4062  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 679 (KAMLAGER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Kamlager:

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Senate Bill 679, related to the establishment of the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on July 13, 2021.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

The City recognizes the severity of the homelessness crisis and need for affordable housing throughout the Los Angeles County region. As such, the City has partnered with local homelessness service providers, including Bridge to Home and Family Promise, to support homelessness and affordable housing initiatives. The City's investments include donation of City-owned property for a permanent homeless shelter in 2017 and donation of City-owned property for an affordable housing project in November 2020, totaling a cumulative contribution of approximately \$3 million.

Additionally, an affordable housing project was completed in 2017, known as the Three Oaks Project, also located in the City and in which the City invested approximately \$5 million to the project and donated 1.6 acres of City-owned property for the 29-unit housing project.

These City led efforts are just a few successful investments and partnerships that the City has made, without raising local taxes or needing to establish a new governing body.

Furthermore, at a time when the cost of living in Los Angeles County is one of the highest in the nation, it is imperative that policies aiming to support



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affordable housing initiatives is not at the cost of community equity and feasibility.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Senate Bill 679. We look forward to working with your office to address our concerns.

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](mailto:mhagobian@santa-clarita.com).

Sincerely,



William A. Miranda

Mayor

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