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March 28, 2022

Laurene Weste
Mayor

The Honorable Laura Friedman
California State Assembly, District 43
1021 O Street, Room 6310
Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Friedman:

SUBJECT: AB 2097 (FRIEDMAN): OPPOSE

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 2097, related to the preemption of local parking standards. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on March 22, 2022.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

The City recognizes the importance of land use planning to meet the growth and needs of the community. We have experienced a significant amount of growth in the last 30 years, more than doubling in population to approximately 228,000 residents. With such rapid growth, the City has worked diligently to ensure that residential and commercial development planning and standards, including minimum parking requirements, recognize the unique community needs, topography, and geography of Santa Clarita.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

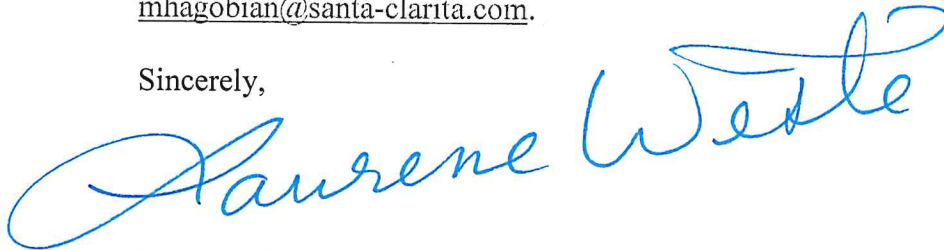
The City imposes minimum on-site parking requirements to ensure residents and visitors have adequate and reasonable access to homes and businesses. Additionally, the parking standards serve as a safeguard to prevent congestion of on-street parking that may cause unsafe conditions for surrounding residents and businesses and access challenges for first responders, especially in the event of an emergency evacuation.

Furthermore, 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 ability to consider unique factors when reviewing development proposals.

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For these reasons, the City respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 2097. We look forward to working with your office 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,



Laurene Weste
Mayor

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