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March 28, 2022

The Honorable Anthony Portantino
California State Senate, District 25
1021 O Street, Room 7630
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor

Dear Senator Portantino:

Jason Gibbs
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 1067 (PORTANTINO): OPPOSE

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Senate Bill 1067, 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. While we appreciate your goal to expand housing, Senate Bill 1067 significantly preempts local land use and zoning authority. Specifically, the bill's preemption of parking standards precludes local discretionary authority to ensure residential developments provide adequate accessibility to homeowners and tenants.

Cameron Smyth
Councilmember

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 development planning and standards, including minimum parking requirements, recognize the unique community needs, topography, and geography of Santa Clarita.

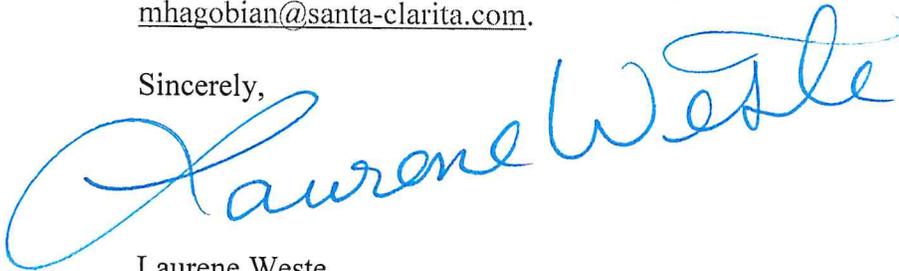
The City imposes minimum on-site parking requirements to ensure residents have adequate and reasonable access to where they live. Additionally, the parking standards serve as a safeguard to prevent congestion of on-street parking that may cause unsafe conditions for surrounding residents and businesses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

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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.

For these reasons, the City respectfully opposes Senate Bill 1067. 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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