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March 28, 2022

Laurene Weste  
Mayor

The Honorable Bob Wieckowski  
California State Senate, District 10  
1021 O Street, Room 6530  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs  
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Wieckowski:

SUBJECT: SB 897 (WIECKOWSKI): OPPOSE

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Senate Bill 897, related to accessory dwelling units (ADU). The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure on March 22, 2022.

Bill Miranda  
Councilmember

The City has experienced significant growth in the last 30 years, more than doubling in population to over 228,000 residents. With such rapid growth, the City has diligently worked to ensure that housing development planning and standards, including policies related to ADUs and existing residential dwelling expansions, recognize and incorporate the unique community needs, topography, and geography of Santa Clarita. In that vein, the City has issued approximately 236 ADU permits since the State Accessory Dwelling Unit law (ADU) took effect on January 1, 2017.

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

While we appreciate your goal to expand housing, Senate Bill 897 significantly preempts local land use authority. Specifically, the bill preempts the City's ability to properly plan and develop residential zoning of single family and multi-family home. Additionally, this bill would adversely impact the City's ability to impose reasonable ADU requirements to ensure public utility services, including power, water, and sewage, and meet anticipated population, dwelling unit densities, and service requirements.

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 authority and

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ensure that the City continues to have the ability to consider unique factors when reviewing ADU projects.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Senate Bill 897. 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,



Laurene Weste  
Mayor

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