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July 1, 2022

The Honorable Richard Bloom California State Assembly, District 50 1021 O Street, Room 8130

Laurene Weste Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Bloom:

Sacramento, CA 95814

Jason Gibbs Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 2295 (BLOOM): OPPOSE

Marsha McLean Councilmember

On behalf of the City of Santa Clarita (City), I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 2295, related to the development of housing projects on property owned by local educational agencies. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on June 14, 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 worked diligently to ensure that housing development planning and zoning standards recognize and incorporate the unique community needs, topography, and geography of Santa Clarita.

Cameron Smyth Councilmember

> While we appreciate your goal to expand housing, Assembly Bill 2295 significantly preempts local land use and zoning authority. Specifically, the bill usurps local authority and discretion as it relates to the density and height of eligible residential projects.

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 that we maintain local land use authority and ensure local ability to consider unique factors when reviewing housing development proposals.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 2295. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer Masis Hagobian at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.



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Sincerely, aurene West

Laurene Weste

Mayor

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