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March 4, 2024

The Honorable Laurie Davies
California State Assembly, District 74
1021 O Street, Suite 4720
Sacramento, CA 95814

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

Dear Assembly Member Davies:

Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 1848 (DAVIES): SUPPORT

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Assembly Bill 1848, relating to the sale or distribution of a controlled substance. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to support this measure on February 27, 2024.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

The opioid epidemic has become a nationwide issue, affecting communities across the state and country, including the City of Santa Clarita. The growing prevalence of fentanyl has only exacerbated the opioid epidemic and the danger it poses across our communities, especially our youth.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

As you may know, more than 80,000 people died from a synthetic opioid-related drug overdose in 2021 in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Based on preliminary 2022 data from the California Department of Public Health, there were 7,385 opioid-related overdose deaths and 6,473 deaths related to fentanyl overdoses.

In 2022, the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department reported 32 overdoses in the Santa Clarita Valley as a result of fentanyl. This critical piece of legislation brings awareness to the dangers of fentanyl and holds those distributing the drug accountable to the full extent of the law.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Assembly Bill 1848. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our



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position on this bill, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Masis Hagobian, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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