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April 9, 2024

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Matt Haney
California State Assembly, District 17
1021 O Street, Suite 5740
Sacramento, CA 95814

Bill Miranda
Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Assembly Member Haney:

SUBJECT: AB 3068 (HANEY): OPPOSE

Jason Gibbs
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 3068, related to deeming an adaptive use project a use by-right, regardless of local zoning of the site. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure on March 26, 2024.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita (City) has experienced a significant amount of growth in the last 30 years, more than doubling in population to over 230,000 residents. With such rapid growth, the City has actively worked to ensure that residential development planning standards meet the needs of the community and recognize the unique topography and geography of our City.

Laurene Weste
Councilmember

While we appreciate your goal to expand housing, Assembly Bill 3068 preempts significant local land use and zoning review and authority.

The bill's provisions to require permits and entitlements to be conducted within 60 days if the project contains fewer than 150 housing units, and 90 days if the project is larger, jeopardizes the due diligence and responsibilities held by local governments to ensure projects are vetted to preserve public health, safety, and welfare.

The City's regular entitlement and permit review process spans 6-9 months and ensures proposed plans meet state and local building codes and planning guidelines including the review and approval of an Administrative Permit, Architectural Design Review, Conditional Use Permit, Development Review, Landscape Plan Review, Minor Use Permit, and Tentative Tract Map. This allows the City's Planning Division, Planning Commission, and the public the



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ability to review residential projects based on unique community circumstances and needs, and ensures that a site has adequate access to services and resources to support residential use and sustain greater residential density.

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 we continue to have the ability to consider unique factors when reviewing residential developments.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 3068. 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 contact Masis Hagobian, Intergovernmental Relations Officer, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,



Cameron Smyth
Mayor

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