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April 22, 2025

Bill Miranda

Mayor

The Honorable Suzette Valladares California State Senate, District 23

1021 O Street, Room 7140 Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste Mayor Pro Tem

Dear Senator Valladares:

SUBJECT: SB 264 (VALLADARES): SUPPORT

Patsy Ayala Councilmember

Jason Gibbs Councilmember

Marsha McLean Councilwoman

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 264, related to the punishment of impersonating first responders during a state of emergency or local emergency. The Santa Clarita City Council voted to support this measure on March 25, 2025.

We sincerely appreciate and support Senate Bill 264, as this important legislation strengthens the City of Santa Clarita's continued efforts to deter and penalize those who look to exploit vulnerable communities, particularly in times of distress. The impersonation of emergency personnel presents significant risks to public safety, diverts critical life-saving resources, and endangers residents and emergency personnel.

This legislation establishes appropriate consequences to the impersonation of emergency personnel and in doing so, better protects California communities during times of an emergency.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita strongly supports Senate Bill 264. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding our position on this bill, please contact Intergovernmental Relations Officer, Masis Hagobian, at (661) 286-4057 or mhagobian@santaclarita.gov.

Sincerely,

Bill Miranda

Mayor

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