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May 25, 2021

Bill Miranda  
Mayor

The Honorable Kevin McCarty  
California State Assembly, District 7  
State Capitol Building, Room 2136  
Sacramento, CA 94249

Laurene Weste  
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: AB 970 (McCARTY): OPPOSE

Dear Assembly Member McCarty:

Jason Gibbs  
Councilmember

On behalf of the Santa Clarita City Council, I am writing to respectfully express our opposition to Assembly Bill 970, related to the preemption of local permitting of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. The Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose this measure at the regular meeting on May 11, 2021.

Marsha McLean  
Councilmember

Cameron Smyth  
Councilmember

The City has experienced a significant amount of growth in the last 30 years, more than doubling in population to approximately 225,512 residents. With such rapid growth and increased demand in electric vehicles and EV fuel infrastructure, the City has worked diligently to ensure that EV charging stations are reviewed and permitted in an expedited and feasible manner, consistent with existing state law.

In recognizing the growth in the use of electric vehicles, the City offers next business day building inspections for EV charging station installation requests made before 2:30 p.m., the prior day.

Furthermore, the City's current review and permitting process allows for licensed building officials to properly review and permit EV charging stations, ensuring that proposals are reviewed based on unique community characteristics and consistent with state and local building standards.

While we appreciate your goal to increase EV fuel infrastructure and recognize the importance in growing the EV fuel network, Assembly Bill 970 significantly preempts local land use and permitting authority. Specifically, the legislation's provision to deem an application



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automatically approved, risks unauthorized installation of EV charging stations that may cause a significant and detrimental risk to public safety and health.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes Assembly Bill 970. 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,



William A. Miranda

Mayor

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