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May 4, 2017

Cameron Smyth
Mayor

The Honorable Scott Wiener
California State Senate, District 11
State Capitol Building, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

Laurene Weste
Mayor Pro Tem

SUBJECT: SB 35 (WIENER): OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wiener:

Bob Kellar
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita respectfully opposes SB 35 related to residential developments.

Marsha McLean
Councilmember

On April 25, 2017, the Santa Clarita City Council voted unanimously to oppose SB 35. This bill preempts public hearings of major multifamily residential developments and prohibits local authorities from issuing a conditional use permit on specific multifamily residential developments. Public hearings play a significant role in allowing members of the community to inform their local representatives of their support or concerns regarding potential development.

Bill Miranda
Councilmember

The City of Santa Clarita currently has in place, policies and procedures related to reviewing multifamily residential developments. This current process provides the City's Planning Department and the City's Planning Commission the ability to review multifamily residential developments based on unique local circumstances. SB 35 preempts the ability for local authorities to review unique local concerns regarding a development's effect on traffic, parking, and other development impacts.

For these reasons, the City of Santa Clarita opposes SB 35. Should you or your staff require any further information regarding the Santa Clarita City Council's position of this bill, please feel free to contact Intergovernmental Relations Manager Michael P. Murphy at (661) 255-4384 or mmurphy@santa-clarita.com.

Sincerely,

Cameron Smyth
Mayor



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