

# Agenda Item 3A: State Advocacy Letters

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May 16, 2016

The Honorable Jim Cooper  
Assemblymember, 9<sup>th</sup> District  
State Capitol  
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Sacramento, CA 94249

FAX No.: (916) 319-2109

**RE: AB 1853 County employees' retirement: districts: retirement system governance – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Cooper:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to oppose Assembly Bill 1853 County employees' retirement: districts: retirement system governance, which would allow any retirement system under the County Employees Retirement Law of 1937 (CERL) to elect to be independent districts by a simple vote by the Board of Retirement and assume specified responsibilities related to county employees.

This bill would reduce local control by allowing retirement systems operating under CERL to operate independently from its respective county without any input from the county Board of Supervisors. Retirement systems under CERL can currently modify their operating structure by pursuing legislation for the change and allows for public input. The new bill would bypass this process and remove public and local input. Furthermore, without local control and oversight by the Board of Supervisors for hiring, pay, and benefits of employees will result in increased administrative costs for the retirement systems.

For these reasons, Santa Barbara County opposes AB 1853. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or [jtoney@countyofsb.org](mailto:jtoney@countyofsb.org).

Sincerely,

Peter Adam  
Chair, Board of Supervisors

cc: Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson, 19th Senate District  
Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian, 35th Assembly District  
Assemblymember Das Williams, 37th Assembly District  
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FAX No.: (916) 319-2150

**RE: AB 2501 Housing: density bonuses – OPPOSE**

Dear Assemblymember Bloom:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to oppose Assembly Bill 2501 Housing: density bonuses which would significantly modify density bonus law.

This bill would reduce local control by restricting information that local jurisdictions can request from developers and imposes shorter timelines for review and approval of density bonus applications. The intent of density bonus law is to encourage developers, through incentives and waivers, to provide a certain percentage of affordable units. Density bonus law has been amended and actions have changed into a path for developers to receive exemptions from important zoning, development standards, and design standards while providing only minimal affordable housing in return. AB 2501 would further erode the law by requiring counties to take action on a density bonus application no later than 60 days from date of application or deemed approved.

For these reasons, Santa Barbara County opposes AB 2501. If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Joseph Toney at 805-568-2060 or jtoney@countyofsb.org.

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