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March 23, 2018

Senator Scott Wiener
State Capitol, Room 4066
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 827 (Wiener) – Transit-Rich Housing Bonus - OPPOSE

Dear Senator Wiener:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to state our opposition to Senate Bill (SB) 827 (Wiener). The Board of Supervisor's adopted a 2018 Legislative Platform that specifically opposes the preemption of local control of land use policies.

SB 827 would require the County to grant housing development projects, in key transit corridors, a "bonus" by exempting the project from certain local development requirements such as density, maximum floor area, parking requirements and height restrictions. This would effectively negate development standards for housing along the State Street/Hollister Avenue transit corridor as well as in already crowded Isla Vista. Eliminating local control of land use policies is not an effective means of addressing the ongoing housing crisis. Ironically, bonuses such as elimination of or reducing parking requirements may end up causing more traffic congestion in the transit corridors by increasing vehicles seeking already limited street parking space. SB 827 would greatly diminish Santa Barbara County's ability review and permit housing based on local standards.

If you have questions about the Board's position, please contact the County's Legislative Coordinator, Dennis Bozanich at 805-568-3403 or dbozanich@countyofsb.org.

Sincerely,

Cliff Berg
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cc: Assemblymember Monique Limon, 37th Assembly District
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