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COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA

September 7, 2018

The Honorable Jerry Brown
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 828 (Wiener) Land use: housing element – Request for Veto

Dear Governor Brown:

I am writing on behalf of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors to respectfully request your veto on SB 828 (Wiener), which would continue to make changes to the existing Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process.

In line with CSAC's letter dated July 31st, the County continues to be concerned that SB 828 (Wiener) deletes portions of existing law, which explicitly acknowledge that despite locally-adopted plans consistent with housing element statute, housing construction may not meet goals established for planning purposes for reasons beyond local government control. Any decisions about future housing developments should be made by local jurisdictions after a careful analysis of needs and public input.

The County is opposed to the bill's language which comes close to turning housing needs allocations into a production quota, which conflicts with the fact that planning requirements for below-market-rate units are not accompanied with enough state subsidy for actual construction.

The Board of Supervisor's adopted a 2018 Legislative Platform that specifically opposes the preemption of local control of land use policies, for these reasons, the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors respectfully requests your veto on SB 828 (Wiener).

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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