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**California Cities for Local Control**, a growing coalition comprising to-date of over 377 locally-elected California City Mayors and Councilmembers, supports SB 15 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

SB 15 is an excellent approach to increasing affordable housing; it preserves local control and allows cities to benefit from financial incentives if they voluntarily repurpose idle retail sites into mixed use development. Local officials have the requisite knowledge of their communities to make decisions appropriate to their unique needs and residents.

This legislation would go far in solving California's housing needs.

Sincerely,

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