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California Cities for Local Control, a growing coalition comprising to-date of **over 427 locally-elected California City Mayors and Councilmembers**, strongly opposes AB 989 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

This bill transforms the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) into a policing organization. Specifically, the bill requires HCD to establish a committee to hear and opine on developer appeals for moderate income, multi-family housing projects denied or made “financially infeasible” by city and county governments. In response, local government officials would have to certify, under penalty of perjury, that their decisions were neither unlawful nor improper. HCD decisions against the local government would be enforceable in court and legal judgments against the city or county would compel the local government to cover legal costs.

The Legislature and HCD should work cooperatively with, not against, city governments to address the state’s housing needs.

Sincerely,

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