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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 678 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

AB 678 sets a limit on fees that a city could apply to housing developments, specifically a cap of 12 percent of the city or county's median home price, as determined by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). HCD could approve exceptions under yet-to-be-determined standards.

The bill imposes extensive, additional requirements on cities, including the development of a "nexus study" to demonstrate compliance with the bill's provisions, with a city's fees subject to protest procedures. The bill further stipulates court proceedings and monetary penalties for noncompliance.

The Legislature should work cooperatively with city governments to address the state's housing needs.

Sincerely,

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