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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, opposes SB6 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

This bill curtails local decision-making over land use, including the ability to ensure adequate parking provisions; imposes new planning duties; and constitutes an unfunded mandate.

This bill facilitates increased market-rate residential density but does not address affordability. It would be particularly detrimental to certain communities, including underserved and minority regions, where the potential recovery of commercial/retail establishments has been severely hampered by COVID 19 shutdowns.

This is the wrong time to target vacant retail land with a one-size-fits-all approach. City leaders have the requisite local knowledge to discern when and which sites are appropriate for repurposing and which are not.

Sincerely,

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