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California Cities for Local Control, a growing coalition comprising to-date of over 429 locally-elected California City Mayors and Councilmembers, **strongly opposes AB 1322**.

We believe in local control and local democracy - especially on land use issues. **AB 1322 undermines the abilities of citizens to pass local land use measures, because citizens expect their elected officials to defend those local measures in court.** Instead, AB 1322 allows local officials to undermine local measures under the guise of uncovering “conflicts” with state law; if a governing body determines there is a conflict it can effectively declare that it does not have a duty to defend - or enforce - that otherwise successful ballot measure.

We already have a place to settle legal questions and conflicts: courts. This is an explicit and novel effort to allow local officials to act as judges and ignore ballot measures they don't like. It is also an ominous attempt by state officials to pit local officials against their own constituencies, so that local land use measures are thwarted.

Sincerely,

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