



April 27, 2021

Assemblymember Al Muratsuchi
State Capitol
P.O. Box 942849
Room 2179
Sacramento, CA 94249-0066

Senator Steve Glazer
State Capitol
Room 5108
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Muratsuchi and Senator Steve Glazer,

California Cities for Local Control, a growing coalition comprising to-date 435 locally-elected California mayors and city council members, is pleased to offer our overwhelming support for ACA 7.

We applaud your courageous efforts to support and preserve the authority of local governments over zoning and land use decisions. The recent trends in the Legislature to override cities' constitutional authority by declaring affordable housing to be a statewide issue and yet proposing numerous bills that would destroy Single Family Home (SFH)-zoned neighborhoods without solving affordability concerns, is unconscionable. Our constituents deserve better.

ACA 7 offers a much-needed rebuttal via a true democratic process, a vote of the people, to the misguided attempts of many of your colleagues to wrest control from city councils that know their communities. Local councils should be treated as valued partners in developing housing solutions that best serve their regions, their workforce, and their residents.

Some cities, such as Sacramento, may indeed opt to eliminate SFH zoning. Other cities may choose to preserve SFH and instead look for alternatives, such as repurposing unused commercial properties for housing. As locally elected officials who believe in local control - it's in our name - we strongly believe that these decisions are best made at the municipal level, and not as a "one size fits all" dictate from the state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Griffiths".

Mike Griffiths
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