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California Cities for Local Control, a growing coalition comprising to-date of over 525 locally-elected California City Mayors and Councilmembers, OPPOSES SB 897 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

Local governments have already made numerous code revisions to accommodate statewide law that facilitates building of ADUs. Increasing height limits from 16 to 25 feet can drastically change the character of neighborhoods and encroach on residents' reasonable expectations of privacy.

Further, limiting cities' enforcement of building safety codes on unpermitted ADUs is imprudent. Safety codes exist to protect everyone; tying cities' hands invites intentional scofflaw activity and is blatantly unfair to residents who go through the proper channels.

In addition, the bill yet again usurps local authority over establishing minimum parking requirements.

One size does not fit all in the nation state of California!

The Legislature should be working cooperatively with, not against, city governments to address the state's affordable housing needs.

Sincerely,

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