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**California Cities for Local Control**, a growing coalition comprising to-date of over 553 locally-elected California City Mayors and Councilmembers, STRONGLY OPPOSES SB423 (see website referenced below for list of elected officials).

Eliminating any future sunseting of 2017's SB 35, while further extending conditions of its applicability, is an egregious removal of local planning authority and environmental protection. Further, it silences public stakeholder voices.

SB 423 punishes cities for conditions outside of their control, such as when the number of building permits issued is fewer than the RHNA obligations (which the state emergency audit has opined are questionable) dictate. Cities do not initiate building permits; developers apply for them only when a project is financially profitable. This provision invites developers' gamesmanship to avoid local 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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