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California Cities for Local Control, a growing coalition comprising to-date 435 locally-elected California mayors and city council members, strongly opposes SB 55.

The bill's myriad concessions to developers who build in low-fire-risk zones are excessive and highly objectionable.

The supplemental height bonuses are especially concerning, as it is unclear how these, in concert with other proposed housing legislation, might affect parcels currently zoned for single family homes.

In addition, the qualifications under which developers would be eligible for the bill's height and density supplemental bonuses continue the Legislature's disturbing trend of incentivizing the building of new market-rate housing, with an insufficient proportion of affordable units.

Local city councils are best informed to assess the needs of their communities. The Legislature should work cooperatively with city governments to address the state's housing needs.

Sincerely,

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