

Tri-Valley Cities

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April 19, 2021

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
California State Senate
State Capitol, Room 5094
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Senate Bill 8 (Skinner) Housing Crisis Act of 2019
Letter of Opposition with Comments from the Tri-Valley Cities**

Dear Senator Skinner,

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Cities (TVC) Coalition which includes the cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the town of Danville, we write in respectful opposition to Senate Bill 8. This bill would extend the sunset clause of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330) by five years, from 2025 to 2030, while also extending the law's declaration of a statewide housing crisis, and the existing law's freeze on nearly all development-related fees once a developer submits a "preliminary" application, amongst other items.

One of our primary concerns is the extension of the sunset date of the Housing Crisis Act and its provisions. We feel that an extension should not be evaluated until closer to the actual sunset date. Additionally, we are concerned about the cutoff that limits a city's ability to levy developer fees. As you know, fees help our communities provide essential infrastructure and public services ranging from schools and fire protection to parks and utilities, all of which are affected by increased development and population growth. Especially amid the continued economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic, we cannot afford to lose out on dollars that we use to provide our residents with the quality of life they deserve.

California continues to need more affordable housing, but the provisions in SB 8 do not properly address this need. The TVC are supportive of increasing affordable housing that is appropriately scaled, fits within a community's character, and does not diminish the quality of life for new or existing residents.

Due to the concerns listed above, we must respectfully oppose Senate Bill 8.

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Danville



Melissa Hernandez
Mayor of Dublin



Bob Woerner
Mayor of Livermore



Karla Brown
Mayor of Pleasanton



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