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July 6, 2021

The Honorable David Chiu
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 4112
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Re: Assembly Bill 215 (Chiu) Housing element: regional housing need: relative progress determination
Letter of Opposition with Comments from the Tri-Valley Cities**

Dear Assemblymember Chiu,

On behalf of the Tri-Valley Cities coalition, which includes the Cities of Dublin, Livermore, Pleasanton, San Ramon, and the Town of Danville, we write in respectful opposition to Assembly Bill 215, which would expand the State's approach to enforcement of housing laws by local jurisdictions, by adding SB330 (Housing Crisis Act) to the list of regulations for which cities may be referred to the Attorney General and be faced with fines.

Our respective jurisdictions which make up the Tri-Valley Cities seeks to fully comply with the provisions set about in the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 and this bill. However, we are opposed to the new provision in the bill related to a "Prohousing Designation" for local jurisdictions. This bill backpedals on 2019 budget trailer bill negotiations that resulted in the voluntary California Prohousing Designation, an incentive-based housing program, that would now be replaced with this new state mandate for cities experiencing a lack of housing production as compared to the regional average.

As you know, in the absence of a "Prohousing Designation," local jurisdictions would be ineligible to be awarded additional points or preference in the scoring of funding applications for: The Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program, The Transformative Climate Communities, and The Infill Incentive Grant Program.

We thank you for your commitment to ensuring that California has adequate housing for residents of all income levels, but due to the concerns listed above, we must respectfully oppose Assembly Bill 215.

Sincerely,



Renee S. Morgan
Mayor of Danville



Melissa Hernandez
Mayor of Dublin



Bob Woerner
Mayor of Livermore



Karla Brown
Mayor of Pleasanton



Dave Hudson
Mayor of San Ramon



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