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September 9, 2021

The Honorable Gavin Newsom
Governor of California
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

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

Dear Governor Newsom,

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 in respectful opposition to Senate Bill 8 (Skinner). We urge you to Veto the bill when brought to your desk for consideration.

This bill would extend the sunset clause of the Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330) by five years, from 2025 to 2030, while 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. An extension is not warranted at this time and should not be considered until closer to the actual sunset date when SB 330 can be fully evaluated. Additionally, we are concerned about the cutoff that limits a city's ability to levy developer fees after a preliminary application for development was submitted. 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 and natural disasters 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. We 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.



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Due to the concerns listed above, we urge you to Veto SB 8 (Skinner).

Sincerely,



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Mayor of Danville



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