

# CITY of CARPINTERIA, CALIFORNIA



August 31, 2022

The Honorable Gavin Newsom  
Governor, State of California  
1021 O Street, Suite 9000  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
(submitted electronically)

**Re: AB 1951 (Grayson) Sales and use tax: exemptions: manufacturing.**  
**REQUEST FOR VETO (As Amended August 1, 2022)**

Dear Governor Newsom:

The City of Carpinteria respectfully requests your veto of AB 1951 (Grayson), which provides manufacturing companies a full sales tax exemption on new equipment for the next five years, including any local voter-approved transaction and use taxes.

The City of Carpinteria has attracted and supported manufacturing industry businesses by keeping business costs low, including minimal business license fees/taxes, and investing in public amenities attractive to employers and employees such as parks and trails adjacent the City's industrial areas.

In 2018, Carpinteria voters approved a local sales tax that has allowed the City to operate a local library, expand law enforcement services and assistance to people experiencing homelessness, and increase maintenance of public streets; parks and open spaces, including those serving the City's manufacturing businesses.

AB 1951 will erode the City's voter approved local sales tax and hobble its ability to provide a variety of critical services, including but not limited to, law enforcement, homeless services, and maintenance of streets, parks and open spaces.

For these reasons, the City of Carpinteria respectfully **requests your veto of AB 1951.**

Sincerely,

Wade T. Nomura  
Mayor  
City of Carpinteria

cc: The Honorable Timothy S. Grayson, California State Assembly  
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