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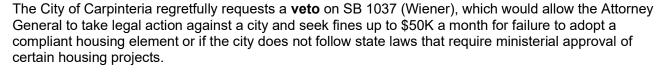
September 26, 2024

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

RE: SB 1037 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing element:

enforcement Request for VETO

Dear Governor Newsom,



Under existing law cities can be subject to significant fines and penalties for violating certain housing laws. However, before fines are imposed, a city has the ability to correct the action. Additionally, enhanced fines are not imposed unless the city fails to follow a court's order or acts in bad faith.

Unfortunately, as currently drafted, SB 1037 does not provide an opportunity for cities to correct an honest mistake or address a genuine difference in interpreting the law. Even those jurisdictions acting in good faith could be subject to significant fines and be required to pay the Attorney General for all costs investigating and prosecuting the action, including expert witness fees and attorney's fees.

The City of Carpinteria believes that instead of creating new fines and penalties, lawmakers and the Department of Housing and Community Development should provide cities with clear guidance and technical assistance to help them finalize their housing elements and put those plans to work so much-needed housing construction can occur.

For these reasons, the City of Carpinteria requests your **veto** on **SB 1037**. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at alcark@carpinteriaca.gov.

Sincerely,

Al Clark, Mayor City of Carpinteria

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