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California Senate Housing Committee
State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

VIA California Legislature Advocates Portal

RE: AB 1279 (Bloom)

Dear Senator Weiner and Members of the Housing Committee:

Thank you for your concern and work toward housing solutions in California.

We write today on behalf of the Cities Association of Santa Clara County (CASCC), an association of the fifteen cities of the county and the elected representatives of more than 1.9 million Bay-Area residents. Since 1990, the city representatives have been gathering to discuss and find consensus and solutions for regional issues. The cities of our association are diverse and include cities of a few thousand people and a city of a million people.

The CASCC is opposed to AB 1279 (Bloom), a bill requiring certain development sites in high opportunity areas to allow for more density and height and making these sites "use by-right" approval.

AB 1279 would disrupt general plans, erodes local control, and change the landscape of our cities. This type of one-size fits all legislation disrupts the fabric of the communities.

We respectfully request that critical housing legislation that could radically change our communities not be rushed through the legislative process while the public is sheltered at home.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Larry Klein
President, Cities Association
Mayor, City of Sunnyvale

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Chair, Legislative Action Committee
Vice-Mayor, City of Los Altos

cc: Senators Wieckowski, Beall, Hill, Monning,
Assembly Members Rivas, Kalra, Chu, Berman, Low, Stone